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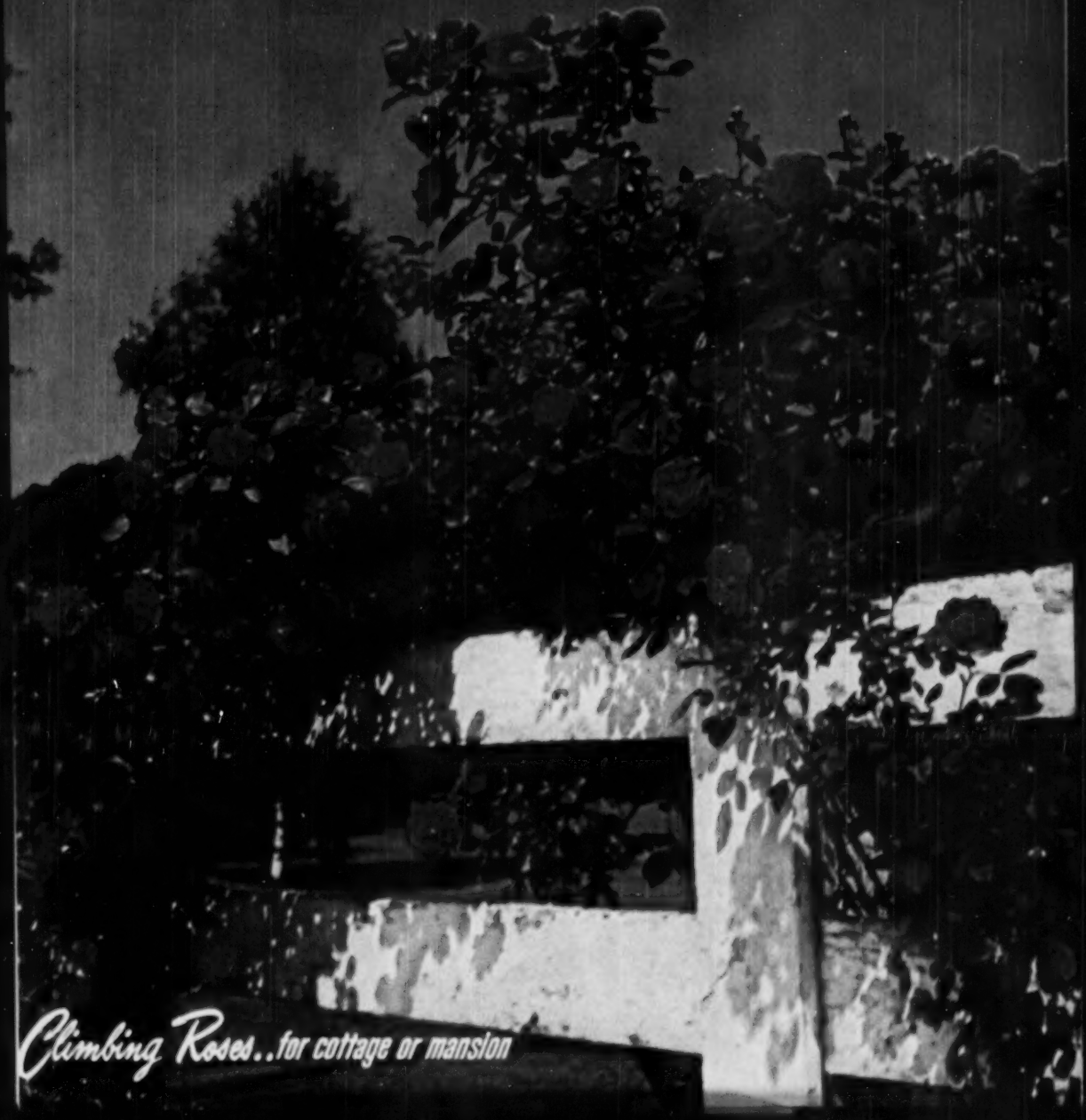

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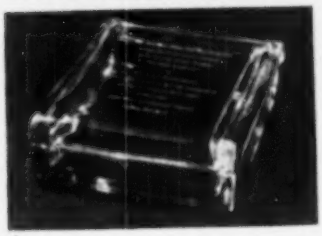

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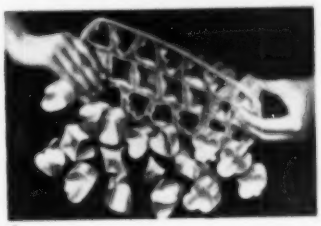

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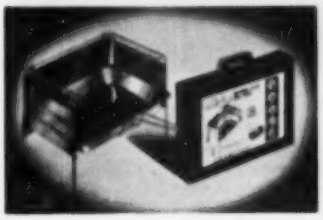

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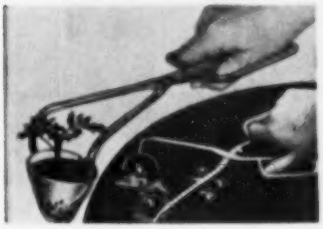

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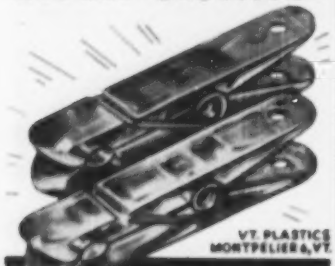

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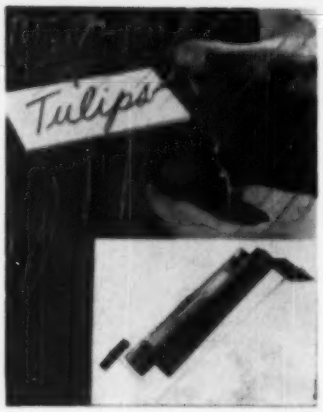


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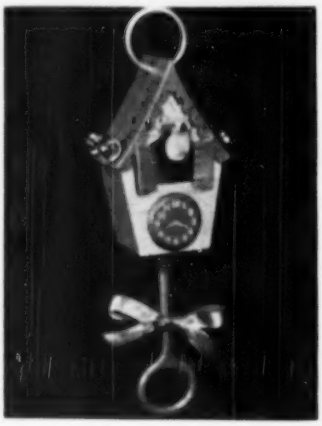

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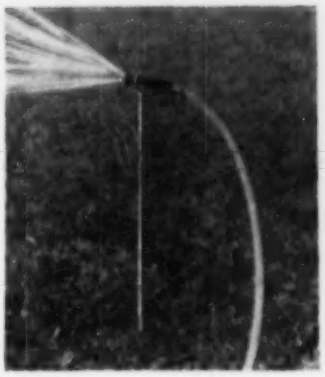

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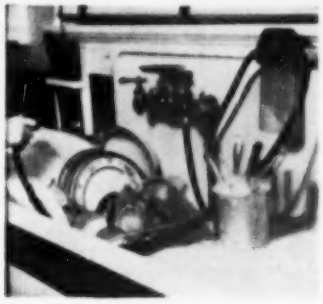

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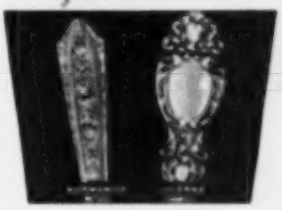

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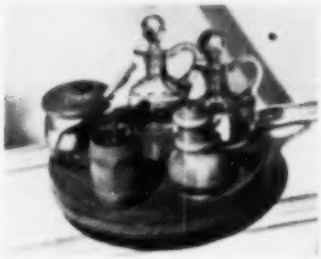

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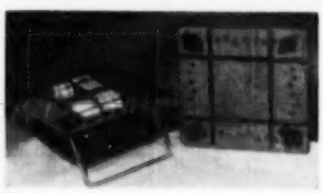

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## About Our Operation

TWENTY-five-year-old Doris Daniel, author of the article, "Half a Dream House Is Better Than None" (page 19), is one of the youngest of our contributors, but she says she has been writing stories and "pieces" since she was in the fifth grade. Her early readers were limited to her family and teachers, but in recent years she has gained a wider audience through newspaper and children's story writing and as a radio scripter. At the same time she has been keeping house and bringing up a son, now age five—an experience

Doris Daniel

equally valuable to the person who writes about today's homes.

Four years ago Mrs. Daniel moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, and promptly became one of its unofficial boosters. Her article about the Wiechman's year-round beach home is an outgrowth of her personal interest in Florida living in general and the Gulf beaches in particular.

Despite her homemaking and writing activities, she still finds time to serve as secretary of the parent-teacher organization of her son's school and to edit the publication of the St. Petersburg Little Theatre, of which she is an active member. All of which stamps her as a young woman of varied talents and rather extraordinary energy.

COME summer, everybody's thoughts turn to the water—and we are no exception—so the July issue of HOLLAND'S will bring you another article on a year-round beach house—this one located on Mustang Island near Corpus Christi, Texas. You'll find it of interest, not only as an example of a house built to withstand the ravages of sun, wind and waves, but as a home designed to meet the divergent interests and activities of the owners and their teen-age children.

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# HEALTH PROBLEMS of the School Child

**By Frank Howard Richardson, M.D., F.A.C.P.**

## Vacation: Idleness or Planned Activity?

WHAT is this summer vacation going to mean to us parents? Is there to be an endless repetition of "What can I do today?" Or will it be a period that is enjoyable and productive—enjoyable because the youngsters' time is fully and happily occupied, and productive because something valuable has been accomplished?

It takes no deep prophetic insight to enable anyone familiar with school age children to forecast that, unless some careful planning is done, these three summer months are going to be the unhappiest and most boring of the entire twelve. Yet this need not be the case. What can be done by parents who are willing to devote a modest share of time and money to make the vacation period worthwhile to themselves and their children?

Probably the most satisfactory solution of the problem is furnished by that typically American institution, organized summer camping. Here a man or woman skilled in dealing with boys or girls of school age assembles a staff of technicians and establishes a summer workshop in the open, preferably in the woods and by the water, where all sorts of activities that youngsters love are carried on for eight or nine weeks. But such a plan is obviously pretty expensive. And since many families can not afford to spend several hundred dollars apiece for two months' care of a boy or girl, this valuable experience is restricted to a comparatively few children.

Far less expensive, yet in many ways highly satisfactory, is what has come to be known as "organization camping" as distinguished from "organized camping," which has just been described. In this movement an organization—such as the Boy or Girl Scouts, the YMCA or YWCA, church or other philanthropic group—maintains a summer camp in which successive youth groups spend a week or two under conditions much less costly and elaborate and yet not greatly dissimilar from "organized" camps. This sort of thing has at least one advantage over the more expensive set-up, in that youngsters from average income families make up the groups, which are likely to be more democratic.

But unfortunately, there are many children to whom neither of these excellent arrangements will be available this summer. What means of recreation can parents improvise that will serve the children who do not go to camp?

Many communities already have some sort of community playgrounds or planned play activities for their children, and there is no valid reason why there should not be many more, in which women's clubs, PTA's, schools or churches provide places where summer activities are available to their children under skilled leadership. It is sometimes possible to acquire the use of school play areas and equipment if a responsible organization guarantees to replace damaged material.

In planning such summer activity, it should always be borne in mind that, no matter how desirable play equipment is, it is not nearly so important as skilled leadership. So if money is limited, the first call on it should be for leadership. A good leader may be trusted to scrape up some kind of equipment, whereas the most expensive equipment will rapidly deteriorate if it is not used under the strict supervision of a good play director.

Such a leader need not be formally trained in recreation, desirable as such training is. But he must have a talent for this sort of work. Many a college boy or girl will be directing play activities this summer at a fraction of what a trained professional would charge. Moderate athletic ability, a good disposition, and a knack for getting along with youngsters are the chief requirements for a children's recreation director.

Another sort of leadership can come from the mothers in a neighborhood. The sort of cooperation they may have set up earlier when they took turns at "sitting" with the babies will still work with the chil-

dren. It is far easier for one mother to watch over six to ten children one day a week than it is for her to keep her own two occupied happily for seven days. And if fathers will direct and participate in an occasional picnic on week ends, evenings or holidays, many worthwhile activities may be arranged.

The comparatively recent innovation, the Daily Vacation Bible School, may supply much-needed occupation, especially where several churches "stagger" their efforts and choose successive weeks instead of bunching their work at the beginning of the vacation.

Any family with even one child of school age should plan family activities like picnics, holiday trips, out-of-door meals and week-end excursions. Nothing more firmly cements family affection than such informal summer activities.

Not always the keen delight to parents that they are to the youngsters (to employ mild understatement!), these outings are nevertheless worth every bit of effort they entail for parents. The more of such family festivities that parents are willing to organize and carry through, the sounder will be their family life and the more buttressed against the disintegrating forces of which we hear so much these latter days.

Desirable as it may seem to utilize this otherwise idle summer time by tutoring or other "make-up" activities, these should be engaged in with the greatest reserve. Only if the child shows a genuine desire for them, without parental pressure, should they be considered. For the child who is sincerely interested in it, summer study is an excellent occupation. But for the child who does not enjoy it, a summer spent in study is not a vacation.

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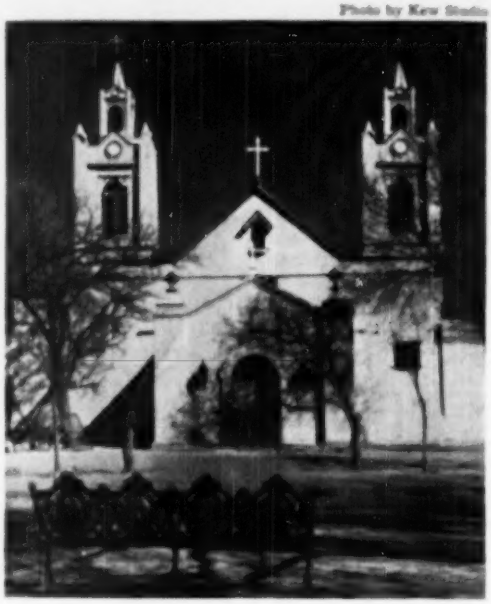

# San Felipe de Neri

## Albuquerque, New Mexico

MELLOWED with age, its historic adobe walls as stanch and sturdy as the day they were built 244 years ago, the San Felipe de Neri Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, has borne three names and has served under three flags—Spanish, Mexican and American.

The desire of a Spanish grandee to perpetuate his name is responsible for the founding of the church and the *villa* in which it was located. Francisco Cuervo de Valdez, who succeeded De Vargas as temporary governor of New Mexico in 1705, completed construction of the church and the *villa* in 1706. He named them San Francisco de Alburquerque (now Albuquerque) in honor of himself and the viceroy of New Spain, the Duke of Alburquerque.

Governor Cuervo was reprimanded by the viceroy for having established the town and the church without authority. His request for church ornaments and vestments was granted, but the name of the church was changed to San Felipe de Albuquerque, in honor of the King of Spain, Don Felipe. Many years later it was changed the third time to San Felipe de Neri.

From its beginning, the *villa* was a military base. Spanish soldiers were garrisoned there until Mexico won her independence in 1821. Mexican military men occupied "Old Town" until 1846 when Col. S. W. Kearny took possession in the name of the United States. The *villa* became the military headquarters of New Mexico. Early in the War Between the States it was taken by the Texas Confederate Army in its invasion of the territory. But, regardless of the army which occupied the area, the church continued to function, calmly, serenely.

Strictly speaking, San Felipe is not a mission church, for the New Mexico missions which were established between 1620 and 1630 were built to serve the Indian population. However, it has the distinction of being one of the oldest continuously-used churches in the United States. Many of its predecessors and contemporaries have been razed and re-built, some have become museums.

But San Felipe stands as originally built, with the exception of a remodeled facade and the addition of twin spires. The quaint old altar is still in use, and many of the ornaments sent by the viceroy of New Spain remain in the church. Several

of its rooms still retain the original floors, splintery and gray, worn paper-thin.

The interior of San Felipe is dim and cool. High windows, deep-set and quite narrow, soften the light. The spiral stairway ascending to the choir loft is built around the trunk of a huge spruce tree, making it steep and difficult to climb. Adjoining the church on the east is the convento, where, it is said, Lt. Zebulon Pike was confined for eleven days in 1806, en route to Chihuahua, Mexico, under military escort of the Mexicans whose domains he had invaded when Pike mistook the upper Rio Grande for the Red River.

To the west of the church are a number of rooms, one of which served as a community center in the early days, another as the first post office.

If old walls had tongues as well as ears, what tales they could tell! "Old Town" was long a famous stop on the Santa Fe Trail, and this post office was the place where the mail coach drivers delivered their precious sacks of mail, carried over the prairies at the risk of life and limb. One can picture a weary driver warming his cold hands over a blazing piñon log fire in the fireplace that still may be seen, while he related hair-raising experiences to the parishioners gathered there to meet him, or listened to their equally terrifying tales of the depredations of such bandits as Billy the Kid or California Joe.

Among the priceless relics of the church are ancient religious paintings, brought from Spain more than two centuries ago, and the first parish registers. A complete record of the church and villa are contained in the hand-made, leather-bound books whose yellow, brittle pages are covered with neat Spanish script. The paper leaves are fine-textured, held together with a scarlet silk cord that is as bright as the day it was woven and the ink is only slightly faded.

The first entry in the old register records the baptism of an infant, Francesca Louisa Garcia. The date is 1706, the year of Benjamin Franklin's birth. As you turn the pages the years unfold. Six or seven generations of some families are represented in the neat, precise entries.

Today the descendants of those Spanish pioneers worship in the historic church in "Old Town" Albuquerque, say their marriage vows before its quaint altar, and baptize their own wee Francesca Louisas at the baptismal font. There is every reason to believe that many future generations will worship in this same venerable edifice.

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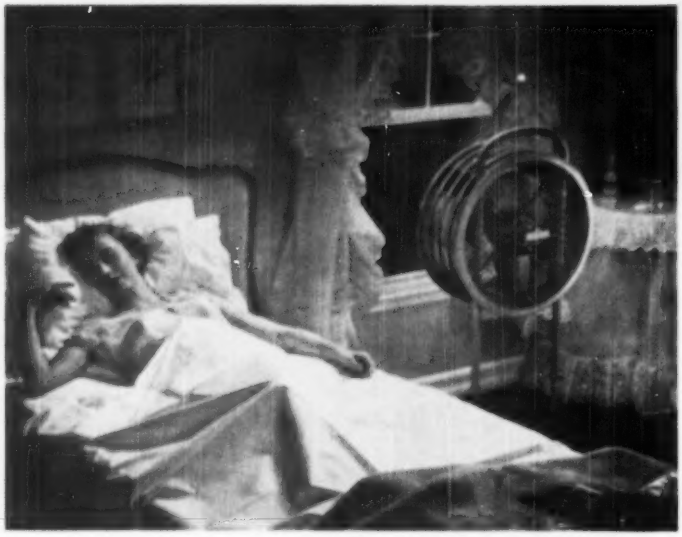

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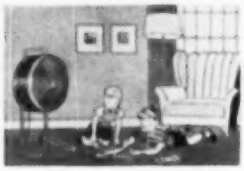

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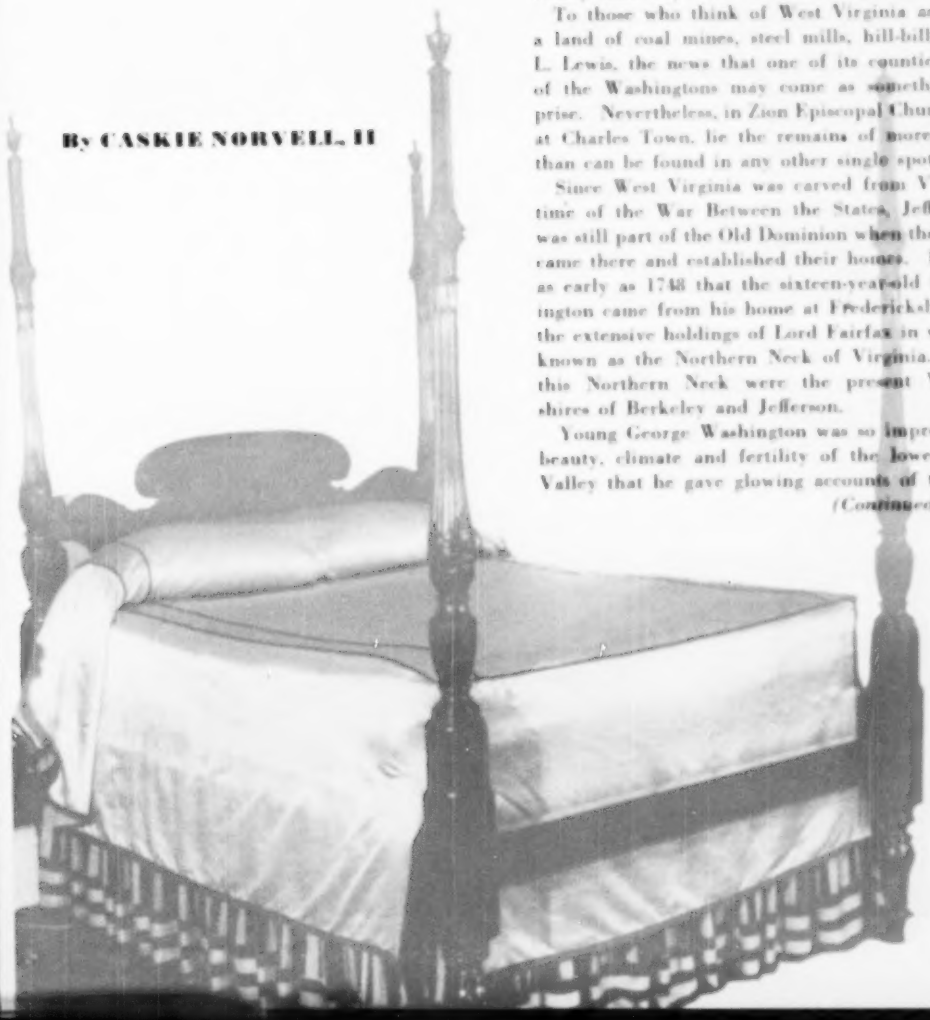
# The Washingtons Slept Here

*In Jefferson County, West Virginia, are seven homes — all of unusual interest — built by the brothers and nephews of our first president*

By CASKIE NORVELL, II



IN A QUIET corner of West Virginia, tucked away between Maryland and Virginia, lies Jefferson County. Here sleep more members of the celebrated Washington family than anywhere else in the world.

To those who think of West Virginia as nothing but a land of coal mines, steel mills, hill-billies and John L. Lewis, the news that one of its counties is the land of the Washingtons may come as something of a surprise. Nevertheless, in Zion Episcopal Church graveyard, at Charles Town, lie the remains of more Washingtons than can be found in any other single spot.

Since West Virginia was carved from Virginia at the time of the War Between the States, Jefferson County was still part of the Old Dominion when the Washingtons came there and established their homes. Indeed, it was as early as 1748 that the sixteen-year-old George Washington came from his home at Fredericksburg to survey the extensive holdings of Lord Fairfax in what was then known as the Northern Neck of Virginia. Included in this Northern Neck were the present West Virginia shires of Berkeley and Jefferson.

Young George Washington was so impressed with the beauty, climate and fertility of the lower Shenandoah Valley that he gave glowing accounts of the country to

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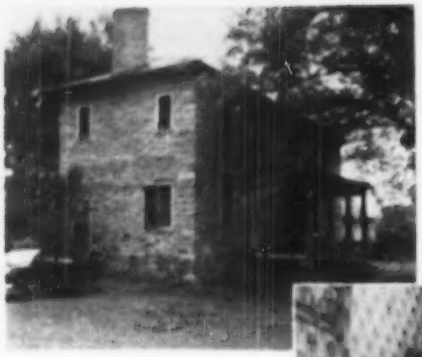
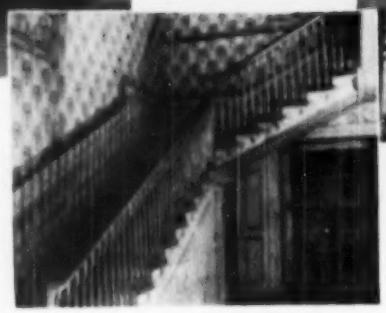
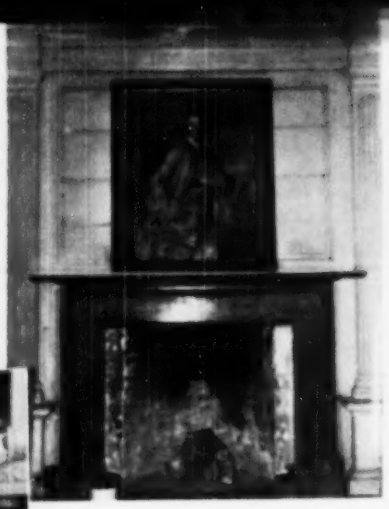


Harewood was built in 1756 by Samuel Washington, brother of George Washington; is still in the Washington family. It is famous for the fine paneling and cabinetwork exemplified in the stairway at the right.





Above — The beautifully proportioned mantel in the drawing room at Harewood was a gift from the Marquis de Lafayette. On the wood-paneled wall above it hangs an oil portrait of Harewood's builder, painted when he was a young man.

## THE WASHINGTONS SLEPT HERE, *Continued*

his brothers and cousins in Virginia's Tidewater. Two of his brothers, Samuel and Charles, were so intrigued with the tales that George brought home from "across the mountains," that they determined to go there and see for themselves. That they, too, fell victim to the lure of the Shenandoah (Indian for "daughter of the stars") is evidenced by the fact that they built mansions which still stand today in this valley with the celestial name. In addition to these two, there are five other Washington homes in Jefferson County, making seven in all. Jefferson Countians contend that no other county in the United States can make such a boast.

Samuel was the first to settle in the valley, building his home of native stone, obviously dug from the outcroppings in his pastures. Situated on an eminence in full view of the Blue Ridge mountains which form the valley's eastern boundary, it rises two full stories and has a one-story

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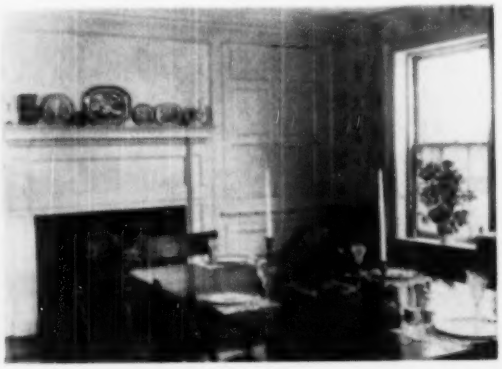
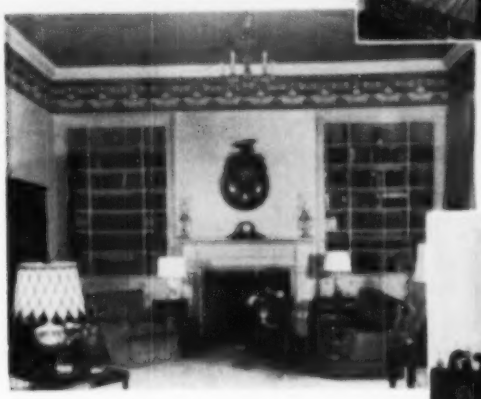
Happy Retreat was the home of Charles Washington, who gave 80 of its acres as the site of Charles Town, named for him.

The present dining room at Happy Retreat was used as a study before the central two-story portion of the house was built.



The master bedroom at Claymont Court, now used by Mr. Funkhouser, is a well-proportioned room with the high ceiling and classic mantel which complement the heavy antique furnishings.

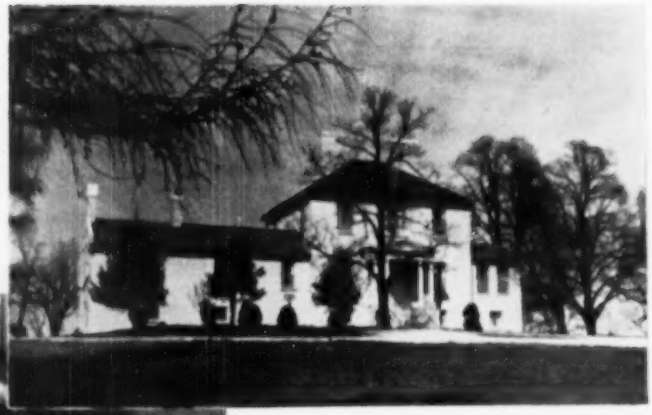


The library (left) and the great hall (below) of Claymont Court attest to the elegance of the original house and the care that has been used in restoring it. There are thirty-four rooms in the main building and two eight-room dependencies.

Claymont Court, built in 1820 by Bushrod Corbin Washington, grandnephew of President Washington, is now the residence of R. J. Funkhouser, who has bought and restored five of the Washington homes. It is open to the public without charge.

Left—The beautifully appointed drawing room at Blakeley, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. Justin Funkhouser, reflects the gracious way of life that is still maintained at this fine old Federal manor house.

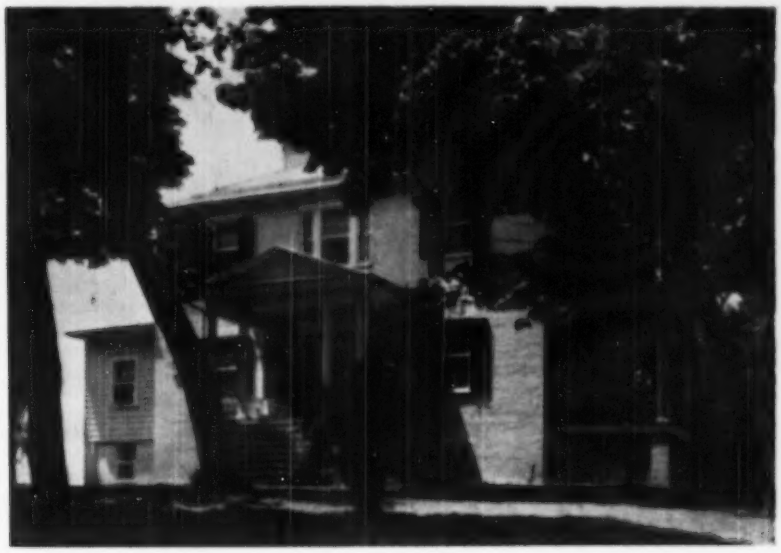
Right — Blakeley, facing Claymont Court across the meadow, was built in 1820 by John Augustine Washington, II, grandnephew of the President.



Right—Cedar Lawn, built in 1825 by John Thornton Augustine Washington, another grandnephew of the President, was restored by Mr. Funkhouser; is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Noel.

Left—Cedar Lawn's entrance hall, with its graceful stairway and handsome fan-lighted door, gives the visitor an impressive introduction to this spacious house, one of the finest of the seven.

Locust Hill, built in 1840, was the scene of a skirmish between Union and Confederate forces during the War Between the States. The Union soldiers who fell there are buried on the lawn.



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The front two-story section of Beallair, built in 1830 by Colonel Lewis Washington, half-grandnephew of George Washington, is an interesting example of the Greek Revival architecture of that period.

wing. It is Georgian, one of the few houses of that type executed in stone. Built in 1756, despite a historical marker which gives its date as 1770, Harewood, as Samuel Washington called his home, contains a drawing room which is recognized as one of the outstanding of its day. Beautifully paneled, with fluted pilasters and a marble mantel, a gift from Lafayette, this room was the scene of the wedding of Dolly Payne Todd to James Madison, who eventually became the fourth president of the United States. Harewood gains additional historical interest from the fact that Louis Philippe, who later became King of France, refugeed there during his exile. His two brothers, the Duc de Menpensier and the Comte de Beaujolais, were there with him. Samuel Washington, together with his five wives, lies buried in the yard.

Next in age to Harewood is Happy Retreat, built in 1780 by Charles Washington, the youngest of the brothers. It is the oldest of five of the Washington homes acquired and restored by the West Virginia industrialist and journalist, R. J. Funkhouser. Mr. Funkhouser, a man of great heart and wealth, came back to West Virginia a decade ago to spend what he likes to call the "afternoon of my life" among the people of the state where he was born. He has purchased five run-down homes of the Washington family, and restored them to ante-bellum splendor, and would restore the other two if he could acquire them. With a competent guide service, he has opened the homes to the general public without a fee of any kind—a project which is possibly unique in the annals of historical sightseeing.

Happy Retreat is a two-story building with wings. The wings were built in 1780, and were connected by a covered runway. In 1837, long after Charles Washington's death, Judge Douglas acquired the property, changed its name to Mordington, and erected the imposing center section. Painted

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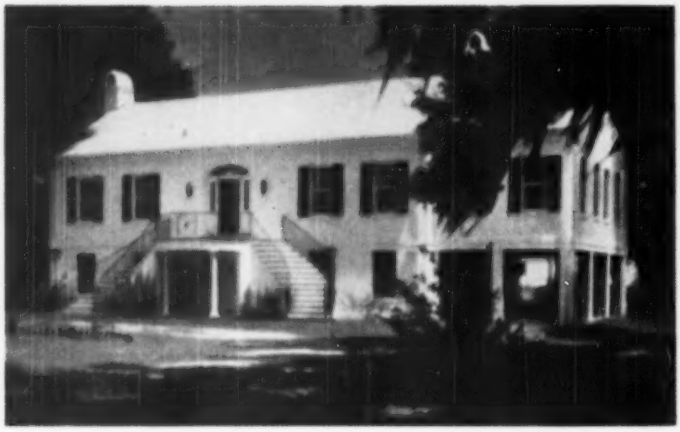

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a dull ochre, it stands on a hill, within the town limits of Charles Town, a city which had its beginnings in 1786 on eighty acres of Happy Retreat land. It is named in honor of Charles Washington.

Leaving Happy Retreat, one goes along the Summit Point road to the gates of Claymont Court. Entering the surfaced driveway, the road winds through parked woodland for a mile before reaching the imposing manor house, said by historians to be "the noblest home in all the Shenandoah." It, too, is of the dull ochre used on the exterior of all the five homes now under Mr. Funkhouser's administration.

A brick building four stories in height, containing 34 rooms and having two eight-room dependencies, Claymont Court is by far the most magnificent of the seven Washington homes in the county, and rivals even the great colonial mansions of Tidewater Virginia.

Beautifully furnished with eighteenth century and federal furniture, Claymont still dispenses the hospitality that it knew in the days of its builder, Bushrod Corbin Washington, grandnephew of George Washington. Built in 1820, it commands an extensive view of the Blue Ridge mountains. In the lush meadowland around it graze Mr. Funkhouser's prize herd of purebred Hereford cattle. Even though the philanthropist makes his own residence in this house, it is always open to the public.

From Claymont's two-tiered piazza one looks across garden, lawn and meadowland to Blakeley, locally called the "sister house" to Claymont, because it was built in the same year by a brother of Claymont's builder. Today, as of yore, the masters of the two houses can meet by the banks of Bullskin run, which traverses the meadow between them, and discuss the affairs of their plantations. Even the old family relationship between the two estates has been kept up, as Justin Funkhouser, R. J.'s only son, lives at Blakeley, where he raises blooded horses.

From Blakeley, a brick house of story-book type, with tall white columns, the road winds through farmland and forest to Cedar Lawn, built in 1825 by John Thornton Augustine Washington, another grandnephew of the President. Simpler and less magnificent than the others, Cedar Lawn is perhaps the finest of the lot. A square brick house, it rises two full stories above an English brick basement, and has one-story wings. Its classic portico, with fluted columns and fan-lighted door, is exceptionally handsome. It, too, has an

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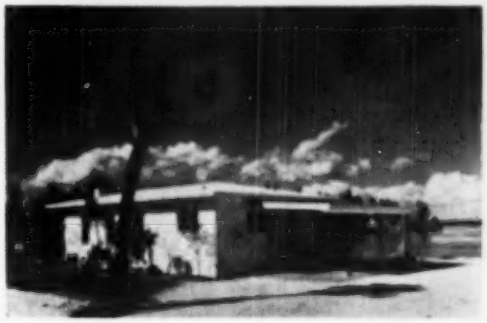
The first half of the house, built of concrete blocks, stands almost at the water's edge—an ideal location for a couple whose hobbies are fishing and sailing. The long screened porch on the bay side is the present bedroom.



# Half a Dream House Is Better than None

***And when the young owners get ready to build the other half, there won't be any growing pains, because they planned well at the outset***

**By DORIS DANIEL**

EVERYONE has heard the old maxim, "half a loaf is better than none." Well, this is the story of a young couple who decided that half a dream house is better than none. It is the story of Bill and Mildred Wiechman and their half-a-house located in Bennett Beach, one of the St. Petersburg, Florida, Gulf beaches.

The dream started with a lot—hardly a lot at all to begin with, just some partly-submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay. It was the magnificent view of the water that induced the Wiechmans to purchase the land, fill it in, and erect a sea wall. Then, with their "dream lot" a reality, they began to plan for the home

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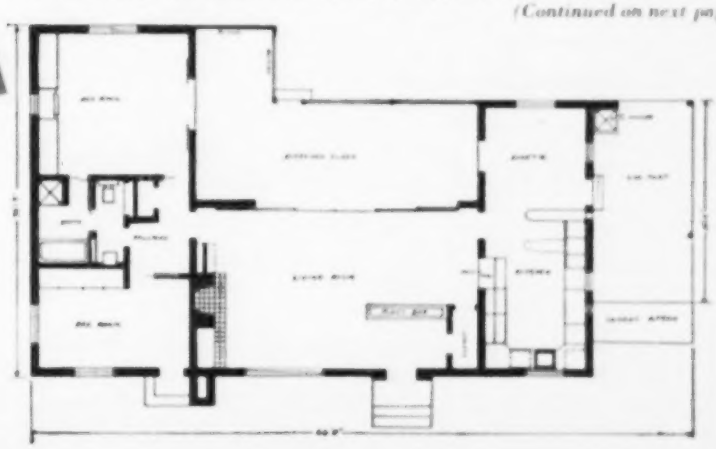
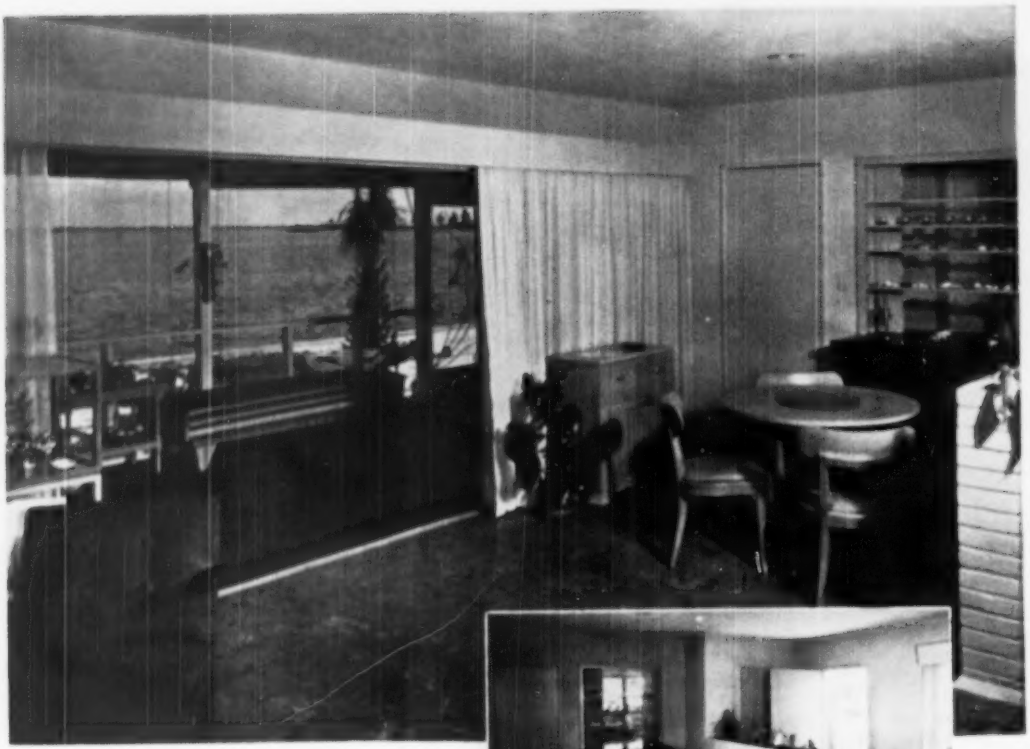


This floor plan shows how the space will be arranged after the bedroom wing is added. Notice how few major changes are called for in the original unit of the house—a big factor in reducing the total cost.



Above—Because of St. Petersburg's mild climate, the curtained sliding doors between the porch and the living-dining area can be kept open almost every day for a view of the water.

Right—Just back of the dining table is the "pass-through," a counter-height opening for passing food in and out of the kitchen. The glass shelves above hold a shell collection.

## HALF A DREAM HOUSE, *Continued*

they wanted to build—a house that would be typically Floridian, one that would take full advantage of the climate and the view. Filling in the site and putting up the sea wall cost so much and increased the value of the property so greatly that Bill and Mildred couldn't afford to build the kind of house they would be content to live in the rest of their lives. And yet they didn't want to invest what money they could afford in a house that they would soon outgrow and that would not do justice to the site.

After many months of drawing floor plans and consulting builders and architects, the newlyweds devised a flexible set of plans that solved their problem. The house was designed so that the original unit could be added on to later. And when completed, the house would be exactly what they wanted. Bill, himself, did all of the contracting and supervised the actual building.

The house is constructed of concrete blocks, painted white, and has a white roof and a three-foot overhang for sun control. There is a car port, a tiny kitchen, a living-dining room of comfortable size, a screened porch running full length of the house on the bay side, and a bathroom. For the present, the porch does double duty as bedroom and open-air living room. One enters the house through a flame-colored door built with an attractive scalloped frame around it. Separating the small entrance foyer from the dining area is a clever gray brick plant bar which has a large storage cabinet at the base. On the water side, louvered glass windows let in light and air and afford an excellent view. Nylon draperies of avocado chartreuse can be drawn over them to give privacy. Sliding doors which separate the screened porch (Floridians call it a lanai) from the living room are also curtained in the same fabric. The house is heated by a fireplace of Swedish design, combined with a fan installation for circulating the hot air. No space has been wasted and there are plenty of closets and cupboards throughout the house.

Mildred Wiechman planned the interior decoration and either designed or made many of its furnishings. A color scheme combining gray, flame, black and greens (from deep jungle green to chartreuse) is carried throughout the house, giving it unity and an effect

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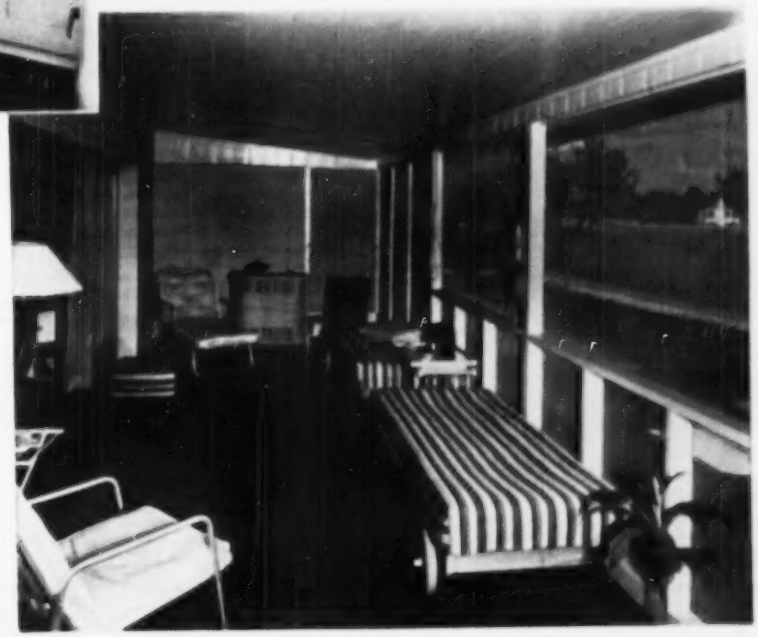
Above—Good arrangement and simple modern furniture of suitable proportion keep the living room from seeming either small or crowded. Interest centers on the Swedish fireplace and the attractive accessories used with it.

Left—It is impossible to waste steps in this pint-size kitchen where everything is within easy reach. When the house is enlarged the kitchen will be extended to include a dining area, but the working end will remain the same.

Below—The screened porch (Floridians call it a lanai) runs the full length of the house on the bay side and, for the present, serves as a bedroom as well as an open-air sitting room. Tailored slip covers conceal the beds.



# English, with an American Accent

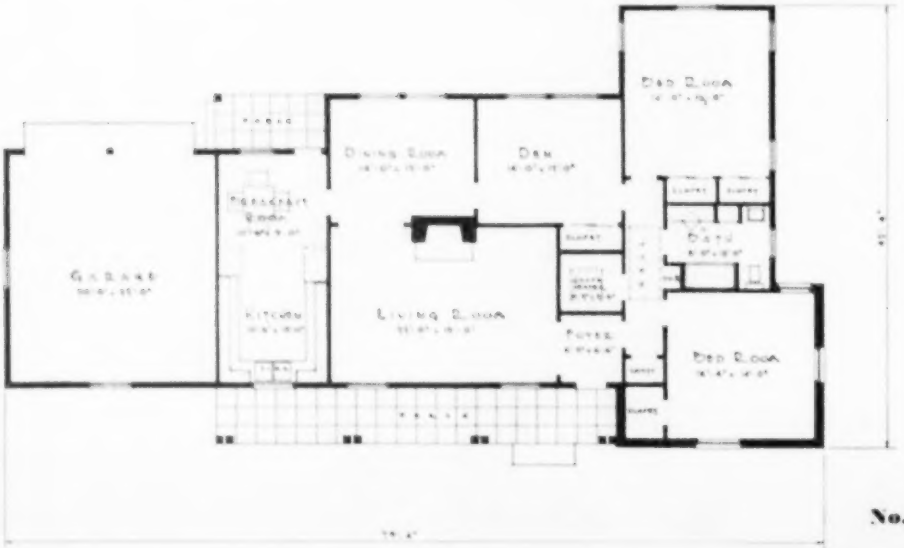
THE WOOD shingles and siding and partial brick veneer give the exterior of this house a pleasant contrast of both color and texture. The lines are low and rambling, but the interior is arranged for maximum convenience. The house has the English charm that appeals to many Americans, plus the practical features that they value even more.

A foyer connects the bedroom and living wings. The living room is lighted by floor-length windows on the front, balanced by a fireplace on the opposite wall. An unusual amount of wall space insures flexibility of furniture arrangement. The wide doorway into the dining room affords cross ventilation through the living and dining room windows.

Divided into working and breakfast areas, the long kitchen has a window on each end to provide good ventilation, as well as convenience for the homemaker who wants to keep an eye on the children's back-yard play area and on the front approach to the house.

The hall to the right of the foyer connects the two bedrooms, the bath and the den, which is equipped with a closet so that it may double as a bedroom. Centrally located, the large bath includes both a linen closet and a dressing table. The coat closet and heating room also open into the hall.

The bedrooms are designed especially for the Southern climate. Each has three exposures. There is good wall space for chests and beds, and ample closet room.

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## SPECIFICATIONS

***Foundation:*** Reinforced concrete, beam-and-pier type; termite shields. Ventilated.

***Exterior Walls:*** Wood shingles or siding on wood studs. Corner bedroom veneered with brick. Living room, kitchen and foyer exterior walls to be vertical V-jointed siding. Wood shingles to be stained Colonial white.

***Roof:*** Wood shingles, stained to color selected by owner.

***Blinds:*** Wood, slatted and permanently fastened to wall.

***Floor Construction:*** Wood joists, sub-floor, felt and oak finish, filled, shellacked and waxed. Kitchen and bathroom, linoleum cemented to pine floor.

***Interior Walls:*** Generally to be of gypsum plastered board, to which is applied two coats of textone to obtain desired texture and then painted two coats of Casein paint. Bathroom to have 4'-0" high linoleum wainscot, 6'-0" high over tub. Dining room 2'-6" high knotty pine wainscot to be painted to match other woodwork in room.

***Fireplace:*** Brick facing and hearth with wood mantel and bookcases.

***Plumbing:*** Modern fixtures, owner's selection. Shower over tub.

***Hardware:*** Hardware, owner's selection.

***Electrical Work:*** Outlets for all essential light fixtures and duplex convenience outlets for all generally used appliances. Lighting fixtures, owner's selection.

***Painting:*** Three-coat work on exterior woodwork, except on exterior walls, which are to be shingles and stained with two coats of Colonial white stain. The roof shingles are to receive one coat of stain of color selected by owner. Three-coat work for all interior woodwork, except in kitchen and bath, where four coats are specified to provide an enamel finish. All interior walls and ceilings are to have two coats of lead and oil paint, except kitchen and bath, where walls and ceilings are to be enameled as specified for woodwork.

***Porch Floors:*** Cement, hard troweled finish and marked off into squares to simulate tile.

***Insulation:*** Bat-type insulation over ceiling rafters.

***Accessories:*** Kitchen sink top, linoleum. Flush-panel doors on all cabinets. Towel and soiled linen closet in bathroom. Bath accessories, medicine case and gas wall heater in bathroom. Hot water storage type heater in heater room.

***Heating:*** Forced-air closet-type furnace, with metal ducts to all rooms.

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| Area of House | 1594 square feet, 6 inches |
| Area of Garage | 477 square feet, 6 inches |
| Area of Porch | 264 square feet, 6 inches |

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# It's an Idea ...

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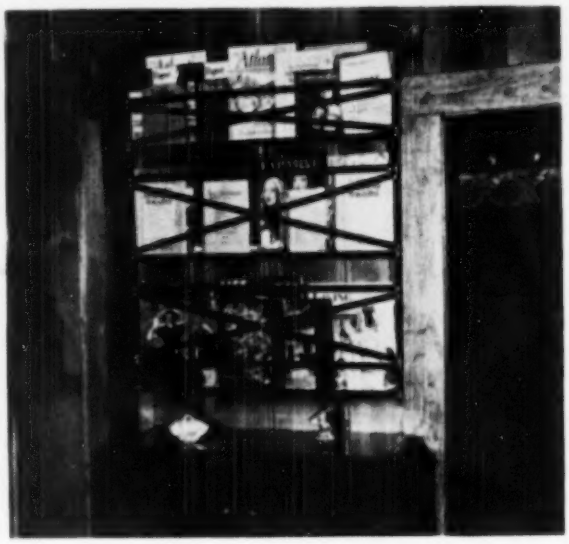

## Double Duty Magazine Rack

THIS wall rack serves the dual purpose of keeping magazines in convenient order and adding a decorative note to an otherwise barren wall. Displayed against wood paneling or a plain painted surface, the magazines with their bright covers create a pleasing picture and are more readily accessible than when stacked on tables or shelves.

The rack shown here measures 33 by 31 inches, holds two dozen magazines and costs only two dollars to make. The white-headed upholsterer's tacks are for decoration only; the materials actually required are one-inch lumber, narrow molding, brads, and wood stain or paint.

First measure the wall space to be filled, then construct the rack frame from one-inch material. Add three cross-pieces to form the ledges on which the magazines rest. Cover the frame with the molding and arrange strips of molding crosswise to hold the magazines securely in place. Brads can be used to fasten the pieces together. Be sure to leave an open space at the top of each section so that the magazines can be easily inserted.

Stain or paint the rack—to suit your taste and the finish of the wall (for a built-in effect, match the wall color)—before you fasten it in place.

If you take a number of periodicals and have considerable wall space to fill, the dimensions of the rack can be increased accordingly. You will be delighted at how much this arrangement adds to the appearance and convenience of a library, den or play room.

By Nadine Mills Coleman

## Half a Dream House

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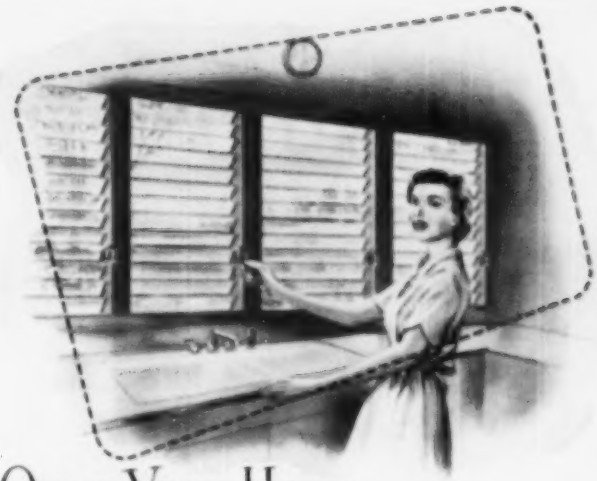
of spaciousness. The living room, with its gray walls, concealed lighting and subtropical decor, looks across the lanai toward the water, making the bay seem a part of the room itself. The black lacquered desk was originally blonde and Mildred refinished it herself. She also designed the circular dining table and had it made by the same cabinetmaker who built her interesting "pass-through" and the kitchen cabinets. The pass-through, a table-height opening between the kitchen and the dining area, saves steps in getting food to the table, and shelves above it display the Wiechman's shell collection. The pint-size kitchen—a model of clever space planning—hardly looks like a kitchen at all when the ingenious sliding doors are closed over the automatic washing machine, dishwasher and the various other appliances.

Bill and Mildred spend most of their leisure time on the lanai. The slip-covered lounges on the porch serve as daytime couches as well as comfortable beds. The lounges, as well as the other furnishings, are climate conditioned; all the upholstered furniture has rubber air foam cushions and is covered in materials suitable to Florida's subtropical climate. Mildred made the large comfortable ottomans and the bamboo waste baskets as well as the smartly-tailored slip covers.

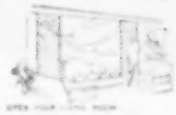
When the bedroom wing is added to the house it will be done with little change to the home as it is today. The cedar closet in the living room is so built that it can be easily eliminated and replaced by a door leading to the bedroom wing. The present bath will be torn out and its space used to increase the size of the kitchen. A snack bar will be constructed at that end of the kitchen and lanai. The original floor plans called for a separate dining room, but the Wiechmans have found the present dining area quite adequate and feel that it, plus the snack bar, will accommodate the casual entertaining which they enjoy.

Mildred and Bill are both sailing enthusiasts and right now they are building a dock to take care of their new sailboat.

Good arrangement and clever decorating have made the Wiechman's half-a-house a good-looking, thoroughly livable answer to a young couple's housing problem, and far-sighted planning has made it a substantial "down payment" on the larger home they will have in the future.

# Open Your Home To the Breath of Spring!



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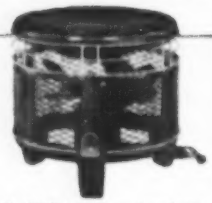

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## The Washingtons

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outstanding view of the mountains.

The last of the Funkhouser-controlled Washington homes is Locust Hill, built in 1840, and the home of Lucy Washington Packette. It is not unlike Cedar Lawn, although it lacks some of that house's refinements. It was the scene of a skirmish between the Union troops of General Phillip Sheridan and the Confederate leader, General Jubal Early, during the War Between the States. Early won, and the Yankee soldiers were buried on the lawn.

Chronologically, Beallair, erected in 1830, is actually the sixth Washington home. It is listed last in this article in order that all the homes restored by Mr. Funkhouser could be grouped together.

Colonel Lewis Washington, a half-grandnephew of the General, was master of Beallair. His life was somewhat turbulent, and culminated in his capture by forces under John Brown, when that abolitionist raided Harpers Ferry shortly prior to the War Between the States. He was jailed, and was not released until after the insurrection was quelled.

Like all the other Washington homes, Beallair is situated on a hill, from which eminence it looks out over the treetops to fertile pastures, a bold spring-stream and the omnipresent Blue Ridge. Its main front section, two stories high, is pure Greek Revival.

If in many of the communities along the Atlantic seaboard, a house here and there can boast, either justly or unjustly, that "Washington slept here," truly Jefferson County can say that *more* Washingtons slept here, and are now sleeping under her greensward, than anywhere else in the whole world.

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929—If you are filling a hope chest, or if your hopes have just been fulfilled, you are probably interested in pretty handmades. Pictured is one of six designs, measuring 7 x 12 inches, for combining crochet and embroidery on towels.

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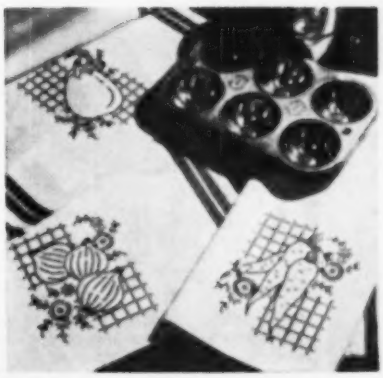
7481—Give a bride the bird, embroidered in bridal white—or in blue for happiness. A set of linens matched with this charming motif will be a pleasure to her through many years. The twenty transfers come in sizes varying from 2 x 2 inches up to 4½ x 16 inches. The directions are easy to follow.



806—A cheerful sextette of kitchen towels are embroidered with colorful vegetables on a background of black lattice-work. The six different transfers each measures 5⅛ x 6½ inches. Anyone can do the simple lazy daisy and running stitches that work out the designs. Directions are included.

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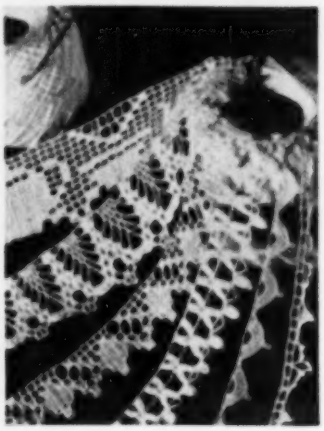
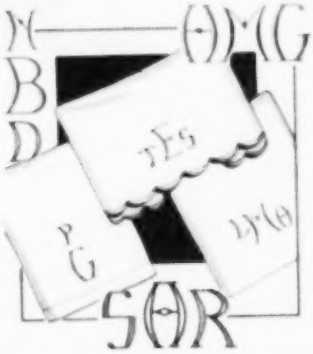
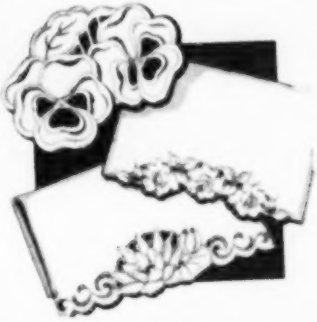


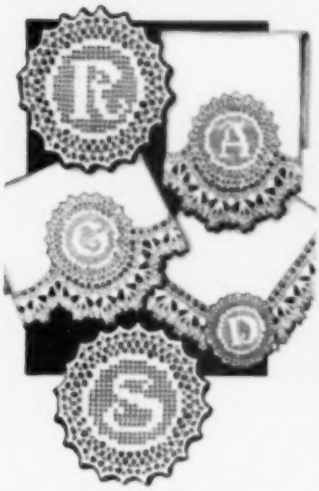
824—Crocheted edges have come back in style. Pictured here are six of eight edgings, from ½ to 1¾ inches in width. Four filet crochet charts are included.



7062—Those who prefer the simple dignity of a monogram on linens will be interested in this set of four alphabets, with four ideas for embroidering them. Two measure 1¼ inches; two, 1¾.



720—Suitable for pillowslips, scarves and towels are any of six designs for cutwork, outlined in buttonhole stitch. The transfers measure 3½ x 12 inches.



7474—Personalize your gift to a bride with a filet crochet monogram, finished with a simple edging. You will find this design suitable for various fine household linens, such as pillowcases, towels, napkins. Included are directions, charts for monogram and edging.

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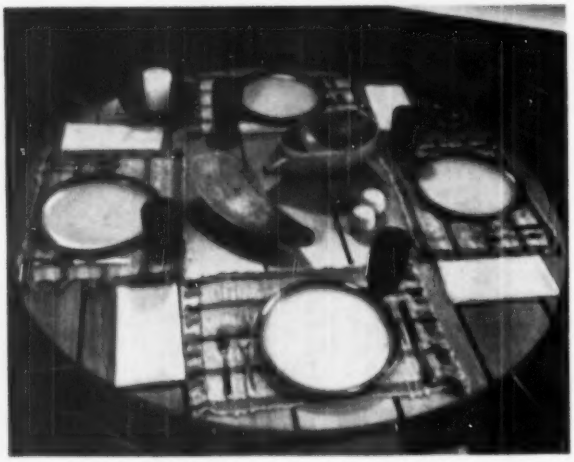
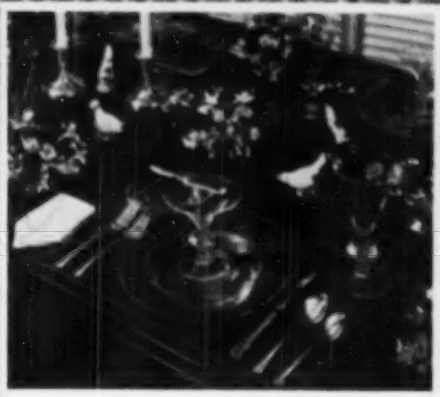
By Christie Miller and Catherine Blondin



The salad bowl and bread tray made from gourds add a distinctive touch to a modern terrace table setting. The redwood table will not warp outdoors. Plates, salts and peppers: Heath Ceramics. Mugs and ash trays: handmade by Eugene Deutch. Place mats: handwoven of raffia, bamboo and cotton by Estella Henkel. The flatware is stainless steel.

# The Rules of Table Setting . . . and when to Break Them



This wedding breakfast table uses an all-crystal service for a dainty effect. An unusual touch—flower arrangements and figurines in random placing to give asymmetrical balance. Flatware: Holmes and Edwards inlaid silverplate, Spring Garden pattern. The glassware is Steuben's Trumpet pattern.

An imaginative centerpiece of orange-hued kumquats and rosy crab apples fastened to growing ivy complements the realistic design of Franciscan's Ivy pattern earthenware. The coarsely woven mats are coordinated in texture. Silver: Northern Lights by International. Glassware: Astrid design by Seneca.

CONTEMPORARY table settings, like contemporary art, disregard some of the old rules—but what they lose in formality they gain in interest and originality. It is well to remember, however, that established rules are the outgrowth of custom and have come to be practiced generally because they are based on common sense and convenience. For that reason, exceptions to the rules should be made only when they result in greater convenience for those at the table and create a more interesting effect.

There are three basic qualities which every well-set table should possess. The first is good balance. The old means of achieving this was to make each half of the table exactly match the other half, with the centerpiece, as the name implies, in the precise center. Now, however, more dramatic and artistic effects are created by using asymmetrical balance—a balance of masses rather than a formal balance of units. For example, a flower arrangement at one end of the table balanced by a group of figurines at the other creates a much more interesting—and less stilted—effect than two identical flower arrangements, one at each end. The so-called centerpiece is also placed off-center when the table is placed against a wall. (See picture of buffet table.)

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A graceful flower arrangement for an intimate tea is beautifully designed to emphasize the lines of the china. The dainty appliqued organdy tablecloth is well coordinated with the delicate design of the handpainted tea service, a faithful copy of an old pattern made in Brittany in 1800.

## RULES OF TABLE SETTING.

***Continued***

Second, the various color elements—glassware, table covering, napkins, dinnerware, centerpiece and other decorative accessories—should be chosen with an eye to color coordination and proportion. Third—and this is especially important—the articles on the table should be harmonious in texture and design and appropriate to the occasion and the menu.

Your table is a place to display your imagination and originality as well as your china and silver, so don't be bound by too many rules. Give the basic three their due, and from there on, rely on your own good taste and inventiveness. Let your table express your personality and your mode of living, and collect a few distinctive accessories which make it memorable.

The rules for the layout of table accessories are becoming more flexible. For example, at an informal meal where salad is served as the first course or with the main dish, the salad fork can be placed to the left of the dinner fork. This arrangement is more convenient and affords better balance. (See picture of informal luncheon.) The napkin, of course, is always placed on the left, but an unconventional fold that displays it to advantage, or enhances the appearance of the table, is entirely acceptable. (See setting for formal luncheon.)

Sooner or later every hostess has to cope with the problem of a formal dinner. The hard and fast rules for a formal dinner table omit the bread and butter plate, as this meal requires an unbuttered hard roll. These days, however, few of us are required to give the state dinners that demand this degree of formality, so if you are reluctant to give up your hot bread and butter—as most Southerners are—by all means use the bread and butter plate. (See semiformal dinner table.) When you have a guest who dislikes dining by candlelight, balance your table with two floral arrangements and omit the candles. Our semiformal dinner table could dispense with the candles and still have balance—and in addition it would permit conversation to flow more freely across the table.

The manufacturers of table appointments have keyed their designs, colors and textures to present day tastes in decoration. They offer modern designs along with the ever-popular traditional patterns in dinnerware, flatware and glassware to fit a wide variety of budgets and personal preferences. As the popularity of buffet meals has increased, dinnerware manufacturers have come out with wonderful new buffet service pieces large enough to serve a sizable company without refilling. (See buffet setting.) Makers of metals, wood and ceramics have followed the trend and have provided the same accommodation in Lazy Susans and other informal serving dishes of various types.

To spur our imaginations in creating outstanding table

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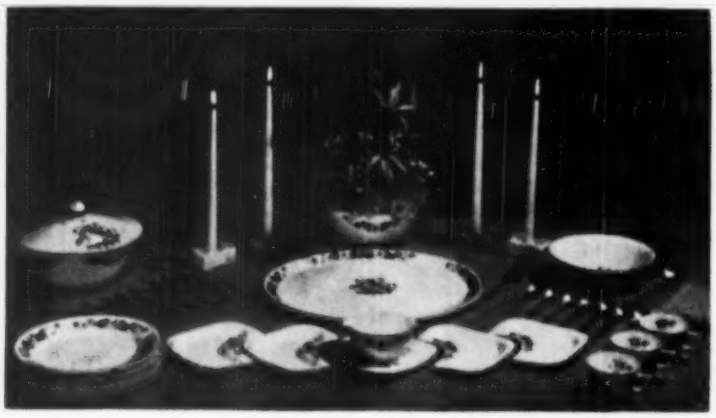
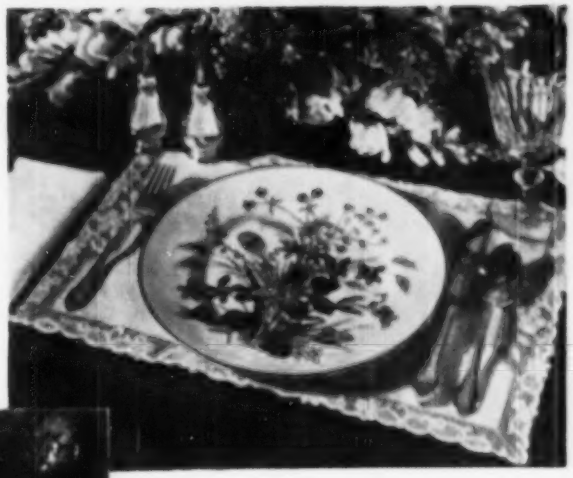


The popularity of buffet meals has led designers to create special service pieces. The generous sized platter will hold a turkey or ham complete with garnishes. The crescent-shaped relish dishes can be combined in many interesting arrangements. Dinnerware: Flower Waltz pattern by Edwin M. Knowles. Silver: Gorham's Buttercup. Candleholders: Camark Potteries. The simple centerpiece is a gardenette in a bowl with flowers at its base.

Versatile place mats are steadily growing in popularity for every type of table setting. Here a simple mat sets off the rich colors of a china pattern reminiscent of French flower prints of the Seventeenth Century. Dinnerware: Franciscan's Mariposa. Glassware: Hawke's King Waterford crystal. Silverplate: Remembrance, 1847 Rogers Bros.



At an informal luncheon where salad is served as the first course, the salad fork is placed to the left of the dinner fork. The square-shaped modern dinnerware is Franciscan Ware Pottery. The silver flatware is Oneida's new Lasting Spring pattern in Heirloom Sterling. Attractive decorative touches are the clusters of leaves on the plates and the centerpiece of flowers in a piece of driftwood.

An unconventional fold displays these napkins to advantage, and the ballerina figurines add charm to the table setting for a formal luncheon. The figurines, as well as the Harvest pattern dinnerware, are made by Lenox. The flatware is Oneida's Heirloom Sterling in the Damask Rose pattern. The dainty organdy cloth and the table accessories show good coordination of textures.

*Further information on the table appointments shown on these pages is available on request.*

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## Table Settings

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settings, glassware designers now give us many lovely colors as well as the traditional clear crystal. Glassware in the new colors often comes in new and unusual shapes. Silver companies offer sterling and plated flatware in both traditional and modern designs for both formal and informal use. For strictly informal settings, stainless steel is being fashioned into very smart, practical flatware. (See terrace table setting.) Some of it is stainless steel throughout; other pieces have stainless steel blades set in attractive handles of plastic or wood in a large selection of colors.

Linens are, of course, an important element in an attractive table setting, but today's tablecloths need not be white or linen—or even a cloth. A semiformal dinner set on a beautifully polished table and using no linen at all, except the napkin, can be quite elegant, though some people object to the inevitable clatter of china and silver on bare wood. Place mats are being designed in every kind of material from sheer organdy to heavy straw and come in a wide array of colors. They are a wonderful solution to the problem of storage and laundry.

Hand in hand with this flexibility in table settings go unusual decorative pieces to supplant or supplement the arrangement of flowers or fruit — conversation pieces rather than conventional centerpieces. It is a good idea to collect a table "wardrobe" of interesting bowls, figurines, candlesticks and other accessories with which you can create unusual and interesting arrangements. Such original table accessories as salad bowls and bread trays fashioned from gourds will give your table a lift and your guests something to talk about. (See terrace table setting.) Amusing figurines can be used to add a fillip to informal breakfast and luncheon tables.

Don't be afraid to be different as long as you attain a pleasing and harmonious effect; a few broken rules are far better than a routine, uninteresting table.

# Holland's SOUTHERN KITCHEN

### Mexican Salad Dressing
(Pictured)

1 tsp. sugar
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. curry powder
⅛ tsp. paprika
½ cup salad oil
¼ cup lemon juice or vinegar
2 hard-cooked eggs

Mix seasonings with oil and lemon juice or vinegar. Force eggs through sieve. Add to dressing. Shake well before serving over lettuce.—Mrs. E. M.

### Batter Bread

1 cup corn meal
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup butter
2 tsp. baking powder
4 cups sweet milk
6 eggs, separated
¼ cup sifted flour
1 cup boiling water

Scald meal with hot water. Add butter, sugar and salt. Beat egg yolks and mix with milk. Mix milk and eggs with meal mixture. Add flour and baking powder. Fold in well-beaten egg whites. Bake in 350 degree F. oven until lightly browned on top.—Mrs. V. S.

### Uncooked Relish

2 medium heads of cabbage
8 medium carrots
6 to 8 onions
4 green bell peppers
6 cups vinegar
4 red bell peppers
2 tbsp. mustard seed
4 cups sugar
2 tbsp. celery seed
½ cup salt

Grind all vegetables together with mustard seed. Mix with salt. Let stand 2 hours. Drain well. Pour vinegar, sugar and celery seed over mixture. Pack in sterile jars. No processing needed. Makes about 6 pints.—Mrs. M. Y.

### Spanish Cream

1 tbsp. gelatin
3 cups milk
½ cup sugar
3 eggs
¼ tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla

Soften gelatin in ½ cup water. Make a custard by creaming sugar and egg yolks, adding milk and slowly bringing mixture to a boil. When mixture begins to thicken, remove from fire and combine with softened gelatin. Chill. When custard is cold, fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Serve in ramekins lined with crushed graham crackers, with graham cracker crumbs sprinkled on top if desired.—Miss I. T.

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***Preparations.*** Have the shortening at room temperature. Line bottoms of pans with paper; grease. Use two deep 8-inch layer pans or 10x10x2-inch pan. Start oven for moderate heat (375°F.). Sift flour once before measuring.

**Ingredients:**

2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
2½ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
¾ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
3 egg whites
¼ cup sugar
½ cup shortening
¾ cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla

***Now the Mix-Easy Part!*** (Mix by hand or at a low speed of electric mixer. Count only actual beating time or beating strokes. Allow about 150 full strokes per minute. Scrape bowl and spoon often.)

1. Sift flour once, measure into sifter and add baking powder, salt, and 1 cup sugar. Set aside.

2. Beat egg whites with rotary egg beater (or at high speed of electric mixer) until foamy; add ¼ cup sugar gradually, beating only until meringue will hold up in soft peaks.

3. Place shortening in mixing bowl and stir just to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add milk and vanilla and mix until all flour is dampened. Then *beat 2 minutes.*

4. Add meringue mixture and *beat 1 minute* longer.

***Baking.*** Turn batter into pans. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 25 minutes, or until done. Cool. Frost as desired.

(*All measurements are level.*)

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## FOOD IDEAS from the EXPERTS

### Orange Juice Ice Cream

1 cup water
1 jar Ten-B-Low*
2 tsp. vanilla
½ cup chilled orange juice containing grated rind of 1 orange

Mix Ten-B-Low and water, using an egg beater or electric mixer. Pour into freezing tray and set on coldest shelf of the freezing unit until mixture is frozen solid. (Set the control to the coldest possible temperature.) Spoon the frozen mixture into a mixing bowl, and whip to a consistency a little softer than creamy mashed potatoes. Add orange juice, rind and vanilla. Return to freezing tray and freeze. When frozen to desired hardness return cold control to normal, but keep the ice cream in the freezing compartment until ready to serve.

*Recipe courtesy Ten-B-Low.

### Welsh Rarebit

4 cups fine stale bread crumbs
3 cups milk
1 lb. diced American cheese
1 lb. diced Old English cheese
2 tsp. A.1. Sauce*
Pepper and salt

Soak bread crumbs in milk in top of double boiler. Place over hot water and add American and Old English cheese. When cheese has melted, stir well. Add dash of pepper and A.1. Sauce. Salt to taste. Serve on toast. Serves 10 to 12.

*Recipe courtesy A.1. Sauce.

### Meat Croquettes

2 cups ground cooked meat
1 cup very thick white sauce
2 tbsp. milk
¾ cup fine dry bread crumbs
2 tbsp. horseradish
1 egg
2 lbs. Jewel Shortening for deep fat frying*
½ cup chopped celery

Combine meat, celery, white sauce and horseradish. Chill. Shape into balls. Beat egg and milk together. Dip croquette mixture into egg and then in crumbs. Heat shortening slowly in a deep pan to 375 degrees F. There should be enough fat to cover the food completely. Fry three or four croquettes at a time until golden brown, turning to brown all over. Drain on absorbent paper and serve hot.

*Recipe courtesy Jewel Shortening.

### Macaroni Salad

1 pkg. Skinner's Shell Macaroni*
4 or 5 stalks celery
1 green pepper
2 sweet red pimientos
4 hard-cooked eggs
½ small onion
1 diced cucumber
2 tbsp. vinegar
Salt and pepper

Prepare macaroni according to directions on the package. Chop celery fine with onion, pepper, pimientos and eggs. Add to macaroni. Then add cucumber and mix well. Pour vinegar over all and add salt and pepper to taste. Serve on lettuce with a heaping teaspoon of mayonnaise to each portion.

*Recipe courtesy Skinner's.

### Currant Jelly

6 cups juice
6½ cups sugar
1 box Sure-Jell*

Stem about 3 quarts fully ripe red currants and crush thoroughly. Add 1½ cups water; bring to a boil and simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Place in jelly cloth or bag and squeeze out juice. Measure 6 cups juice into a very large saucepan. Measure sugar and set aside. Place saucepan holding juice over high heat. Add powdered fruit pectin and stir until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once stir in sugar. Bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard ½ minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, skim, pour quickly into glasses. Makes about 12 six-ounce glasses.

*Recipe courtesy Sure-Jell.

### Orange Loaf

3 cups sifted flour
3 tsp. Calumet Baking Powder*
¾ tsp salt
½ cup sugar
1 cup finely cut candied orange peel
1 egg, well beaten
1 cup milk
4 tbsp. melted butter or other shortening

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt, and sugar and sift again. Add orange peel and mix well. Combine egg, milk, and shortening; add to flour mixture and blend. Bake in greased loaf pan in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 1 hour.

*Recipe courtesy Calumet Baking Powder.

### Fig Jam

3 lbs. or 5 cups figs
1 pkg. Pen-Jel*
7 cups sugar
½ cup water
Juice of 1 lemon

Wash, peel and cut figs into small pieces, and crush well or grind. Measure into 6 or 8 quart preserving kettle or saucepan. Add water and lemon juice. Place the kettle containing the fruit on the fire, add the package of pectin, and stir while bringing to a good boil. Add the sugar which has been previously measured, stir well to dissolve it, and continue stirring while bringing to a hard boil; then start timing, and continue boiling for 2 minutes. Remove from fire, stir for 4 or 5 minutes. This will cool the jam and keep the fruit from floating to the top of the jar. Skim if desired, and pour into glasses or jars. Makes 12 medium glasses.

*Recipe courtesy Pen-Jel.

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# Old-Fashioned Ice Cream from MODERN FREEZERS

BY CHRISTINE PINES

NEARLY everyone cherishes the childhood memory of eating old-fashioned ice cream made in a hand-crank freezer. The whole family assembled and each took his turn at the crank. It was sometimes a tiresome chore, but one everybody forgot as soon as he dipped his spoon into the rich, velvety ice cream. Remember the subtle flavor of fresh peaches or strawberries, vanilla ice cream far better than any you ever had at the corner drugstore, or chocolate ice cream that really rated the title of chocolate?

You can still get the crank-type ice-cream freezer that makes such delicious homemade ice cream, but the freezers you'll find in the stores today show many improvements over those of the by-gone days. The new models are quieter, more sturdily constructed and more easily operated. Most of them range in size from one to six quarts, and the smaller models will make even less than one quart of cream. For clubs, church groups and other organizations there are extra large sizes—some models make as many as twenty and twenty-five quarts of cream. If your family is small and you have no place to store ice cream, a small size may be your best buy. But if you entertain often or have youngsters in the family, don't get caught with a size that's too small—six quarts of ice cream go in a hurry when there's a crowd digging in. If you own a home freezer, you've probably noticed how well it keeps ice cream, and you may want to invest in a large ice-cream freezer. Then you can make ice cream whenever you have time, pour it into moisture-proof containers and store it in the home freezer until serving time.

Many of the ice-cream freezers on the market today are electric, so if it's turning the crank that has kept you from enjoying old-fashioned ice cream, an electric model is your answer. Most of these models work on alternating current, although there's at least one freezer that works on both AC and DC. Be sure to find out the current requirements before you buy. And, of course, always look for the Underwriters' Laboratories Seal of Approval. It means the electric freezer has been tested and has proved safe for use.

Other features to look for when you're shopping for a freezer are: drain plugs at the bottom of the larger models (the plugs save lifting the freezer in

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### Black Walnut Ice Cream

1 cup sugar
1 tbsp. flour
1/8 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. vanilla
2 eggs
1 cup ground black walnuts
3 1/2 cups light cream

Mix sugar, flour and salt, and add 2 cups of the cream. Cook 10 minutes in double boiler, stirring occasionally. Pour over well beaten eggs, stirring constantly, and cook 5 minutes longer, continuing stirring. Add remaining cream and cool. Stir in nuts and vanilla; freeze.

### Fresh Peach Ice Cream

1 can ice cream concentrate
1 cup water
1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
1 cup crushed, sweetened peaches

Add water and vanilla gradually to ice cream concentrate. Mix thoroughly, using rotary egg beater or electric mixer. Stir in peaches. Pour into freezer can with dasher in place. Freeze, using 1 part salt to 4 parts of chipped ice for packing. Makes 1 quart.

### American Ice Cream

1 cup milk
1 egg yolk
1/2 cup sugar
Few grains salt
1 pint thin cream
1 tsp. vanilla

Scald 3/4 cup milk in double boiler. Beat egg yolk and add remaining cold milk, sugar and salt. Combine with hot milk; cook, stirring, about 3 minutes or until mixture coats spoon. Remove from heat, strain and cool. Add cream and vanilla; freeze.

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Left—This Pioneer electric freezer works on both alternating and direct current. Ice cream is frozen and ready to eat in about eight minutes.

Below—Since the plastic tub of this electric Handyfreeze is insulated, it can double as an ice bucket when you entertain. One-quart capacity.

Right—A triple-motion mechanism featured by White Mountain freezers makes for smooth operation and easy freezing. Models range in size from one to twenty-five quarts.

Above—Two and four quart models of the Little Smoothie are designed for small families, can be packed with ice cubes from your refrigerator.

Right—This Snow Ball freezer is sturdily constructed for long use. The deep can provides extra freezing surface, and the high pail allows more packing space above the can.

Above—The Dolly Madison is an electric freezer with an exclusive "Twist-Lok" that saves fussing with latches and hinges. Two, four and six quart sizes are available.

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## STRAWBERRY-PINEAPPLE JAM

## STRAWBERRY-RHUBARB JELLY

## HOMEMADE STRAWBERRY JAM

**4 cups prepared fruit**
**6½ cups sugar**
**1 box Sure-Jell**

**To prepare fruit.** Crush completely about 2 quarts fully ripe strawberries. Measure 4 cups prepared fruit into a large saucepan.

**To make jam.** Measure sugar and set aside. Place saucepan holding fruit over high heat. Add Sure-Jell; stir until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once stir in sugar. Bring to a *full rolling boil* and *boil hard 1 minute*, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, skim, ladle quickly into glasses. Paraffin at once. Makes about 10 six-ounce glasses.

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## Old-Fashioned Ice Cream

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order to empty the water); large, smooth-turning gears that save cranking strain; easy-to-clean dashers; and a wide base to prevent tipping.

If your homemade ice cream turns out granular—or if it just doesn't taste like the kind Grandma used to make—you may have used too much salt, filled the can too full, or turned the crank too fast. For the most part, successful use of an ice-cream freezer depends on how well you follow the manufacturer's instructions. These instructions may differ according to the model you buy, so whatever you do, don't throw away the booklets that come with it. Keep them in a safe spot for handy reference—perhaps along with your own recipes and those contained in this article.

If you already own a freezer but have no instruction booklets on its use, these general rules may help you out. Before you try out your prized recipes, be sure the freezer is clean and sweet smelling. Wash it with a solution of hot water, a detergent and ordinary baking soda. For best results, crush ice by putting it in a strong bag and cracking it with a hammer or mallet. The usual proportion of rock salt to ice is one to three parts. Never fill the ice-cream can more than three-fourths full (some manufacturers mark this line for you). Pour or drain off water before removing the dasher or packing down the ice.

To swell your recipe collection, here are some additional recipes recommended by the manufacturers of ice-cream freezers:

### Lemon Sherbet

½ cup sugar
Juice of 2 lemons
Juice of ½ orange
1½ cups milk
1½ cups coffee cream
1 egg white, beaten stiff

Chill blended fruit juice and sugar in freezer. Add milk and cream. Fold in egg white; freeze.

### Orange Pekoe Ice Cream

1 cup boiling water
3 tbsp. orange pekoe tea
6 cloves
1½ cups sugar
⅛ tsp. salt
2 eggs, separated
¾ cup orange juice
2 tbsp. lemon juice
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
3 cups light cream

Pour boiling water over tea, sugar, cloves and salt; let steep for 3 minutes. Strain and pour liquid slowly over beaten egg yolk, stirring thoroughly. Cook 2 minutes in double boiler, stirring. Cool. Add fruit juices, lemon rind and cream. Fold in beaten egg whites; freeze.

# Iced Tea with a Sparkle

THE MINUTE the thermometer starts to soar, the tinkle of ice in tea glasses can be heard throughout the South. And small wonder, for few drinks are so refreshing, good to look at and easy to prepare. You don't have to be a seasoned cook to brew good tea; just observe the few simple rules and your iced tea will have all the flavor and sparkle that have made this beverage a summertime favorite.

First, choose a suitable container. Earthenware, china and heat-resistant glass are best for the purpose. Tea steeped in a metal container usually becomes cloudy and often has a metallic taste. Then make sure that the pot or pitcher is clean and freshly scalded. Use freshly boiled water, drawn from the cold water tap and brought to a boil just before it is to be used. Steep the tea from three to five minutes, depending on desired strength, and pour, hot, over crushed ice or ice cubes.

The cold water method of brewing also produces a delicious, clear tea. You will find it particularly convenient when the supply of ice cubes is not equal to the demands of the hot-water method.

### CONVENTIONAL METHOD

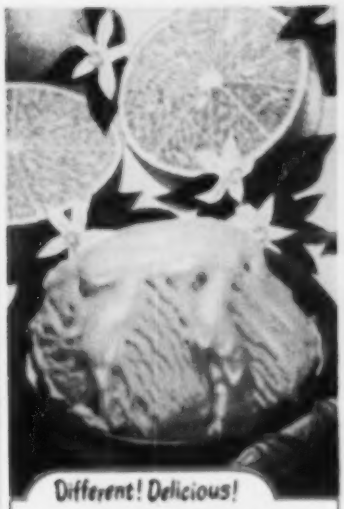
6 cups fresh cold water — ¼ cup tea

Bring water to a rolling boil. Place tea in a scalded pot or pitcher. Pour boiling water over tea leaves, cover, and steep 3 minutes. Remove cover and stir leaves once during the steeping period. Strain and pour hot tea over ice in tall glasses. Add more ice if necessary. When iced tea is to be served in large quantities, pour hot tea over a block of ice in a large container. Iced tea which is quickly cooled is clearer and has a better flavor than tea which is slowly cooled and then iced.

### COLD WATER METHOD

6 cups fresh cold water — ¼ cup tea

Place tea in a half-gallon fruit jar or divide between 2 quart jars. Pour cold water over tea. Cover tightly and store in refrigerator for 12 hours before serving. Strain and pour over crushed ice or ice cubes. Tea made by this method has a stronger flavor than the color indicates.

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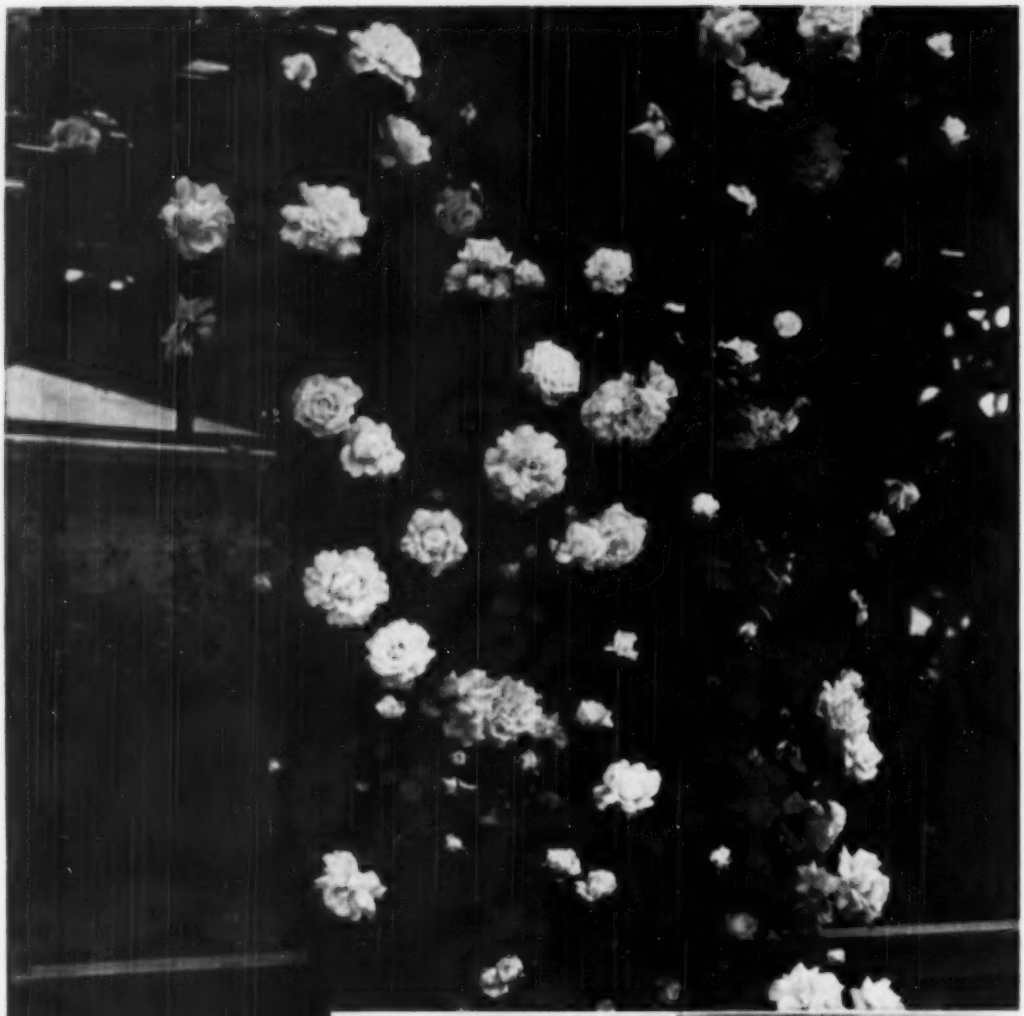

In bush form, Golden Dawn is an old favorite, and its climbing form is now becoming equally popular. The large yellow blooms are pink edged.

Dr. J. H. Nicolas, a fragrant, ever-blooming pillar rose, has heavy foliage and clusters of four to five large rose-pink blossoms per stem.

Climbing Dainty Bess is well named, for its single flowers have an airy loveliness that make it one of the most cherished of all garden roses.

By BEN ARTHUR DAVIS

# Climbing Roses Old and New

DO YOU need a climbing plant that will give you a mass of gorgeous color in the early spring, or one that will furnish continuous bloom throughout the season? Do you have an old fence, garage or other unprepossessing object that you'd like to conceal from public view? If so, consider the climbing roses. The roses in this group vary so greatly in size, character of growth, type of foliage and bloom that they lend themselves to an exceptionally wide range of uses.

In the South, two of the best-loved climbers are the old, somewhat tender roses, Lady Banksia and Marechal Niel, but for some reason we rarely see them except in the very old gardens. Lady Banksia will climb to great heights and in old plantings these roses are sometimes found, waving their white or golden banners, halfway to the tops of tall pines. The small, double flowers are borne in clusters and there is always a profusion of them. Marechal Niel is a Noisette, a somewhat tender group. Its globular, yellow flowers are of good size and have a delightful fragrance.

Counting out the two climbers just named, we can easily, for the sake of better understanding, place the others in three general groups—the pillars, which attain a height of only six to ten feet; the true climbers, which make new growth each year from the ends of the previous year's canes and which may reach considerable heights; and the ramblers, which are characterized by new canes sent up from the ground each

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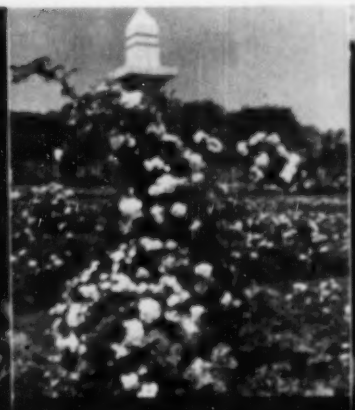
High Noon, a newcomer to the list of pillar roses and winner of the regional All-America Selections award in 1948, is a gorgeous yellow



In spring the showy white blooms of Climbing Summer Snow almost cover the plant, and the bloom is repeated all through the summer and fall

The flowers of Aloha, another new climber, are a rich raspberry pink, measure four to six inches across, and are produced right up to frost

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## Climbing Roses

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year, and by blooms which are produced in clusters.

The pillar roses make attractive specimens when given a little support, and they will make a lovely showing when planted in wide shrub borders where they have plenty of room. They should never be crowded. The lovely pink Mary Wallace is a good example of this group. Climbing Summer Snow can well be classed as a pillar rose. It blooms profusely in spring, repeating in summer and fall, and its great clusters of pure white flowers fully justify its name.

The newest addition to the pillar group is High Noon, which won a sectional award from the All-America Rose Selection for 1948. Its intense color—a clear, shining yellow—is displayed in medium-sized, well-shaped buds. The plant, which is clothed in light green, glossy foliage, is highly resistant to mildew and other diseases, and produces countless buds on long stems. This is an excellent rose for the South.

Of the true climbers, there are the "hardy" types, like Thor and Silver Moon, which flower only in spring; and the more tender hybrid teas, like Talisman and Etoile de Holland, which are classed as everblooming. As camouflage, these hardy climbers are exceptionally valuable. Dr. Van Fleet, for example, grows to a great height, has handsome, glossy green foliage that remains on the plant the year through, and in spring produces a profusion of delicate pink flowers on good stems.

Thor, a deep, rich red, is one of the finest of the climbing red roses. It is a hardy type, blooming only in the spring, but it is a sturdy rose and the enormous, fully double, rich red blooms are produced on stems long enough to satisfy the most exacting. Federation is an excellent companion rose for Thor (both are Horvath hybrids). It is a lively pink, with a rose-pink center and orange undertones. Both roses seem to be highly resistant to diseases.

The lovely salmon pink Bell of Portugal is one of the first roses to bloom in spring. The long pointed buds, produced in great profusion, open into flowers three to four inches across.

Doubloons, a fabulous yellow climber, is a husky grower, and under favorable conditions will produce eight to twelve feet of growth in one season. Its flowers open over a long period and it is considered one of the best all-purpose varieties among the yellow climbers. Paul's Scarlet Climber, a standby for years, now has its everblooming counterpart in Blaze, which is becoming even more popular. Do not expect the ever-blooming character of the rose to show up until the plant has become well established and accumulated considerable old wood.

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climbing field is Aloha. It is a rich, deep pink, with blooms of enormous size. A great mass of coral pink buds start the show. They open, double and full, into perfectly formed blooms which sometimes measure five inches across. After the first full blush of bloom in spring, Aloha continues to give frequent bloom throughout the season. This rose is doing exceptionally well in the Southwest.

A very lovely rose, produced through the skill and patience of the late Dr. J. H. Nicolas, bears the name of this great rosarian. It is a rose-pink, producing fully double flowers, five inches across. It is classed as an ever-bloomer.

King Midas is a vigorous yellow. The flowers, four to five inches across, appear in clusters of four to six and open slowly to literally cover the plant. The foliage is exceptionally good and is considered disease resistant.

There is hardly an end to the number of excellent climbing hybrid teas, since most of the bush-form hybrid teas that have been in commerce for five years or more now have their climbing counterparts. And it is interesting to note that the climbing forms sometimes prove much more satisfactory than the bush types. This is particularly true of Talisman, which, in the bush form, often appears somewhat finicky. Climbing Crimson Glory is another outstanding hybrid tea. If you like the bush form of this vigorous deep crimson rose, you'll surely want the climbing type.

Golden Dawn is a climbing hybrid tea that has exceptional merit, but which has not been widely planted. The buds are sunflower yellow, the flowers fragrant, very double, and of good size. As the flowers age they pass to a lemon yellow with pink tints.

Climbers producing single flowers seem to have a strong appeal for most rose lovers. Of these, Dainty Bess and Mermaid are especially noteworthy. Dainty Bess is a delicate pink, while Mermaid is a large-flowered, sulphury yellow with a golden center.

The climbing hybrid teas do not, as a rule, produce as thick top growths as the hardy forms, the character of growth being light and airy. The blooms are usually of excellent quality, however, and are produced on strong stems. If the plants are lightly pruned by removing faded flowers with an average length of stem, and the plants are fed and watered, they will bloom from spring until frost stops them.

Rambler roses always produce their blooms on wood from the previous season's growth. The old Crimson Rambler and Dorothy Perkins, as well as some of the newer ones, can be placed in this class.

This is not the time of year to plant roses, of course, but now is the time to see them in bloom and to decide what you want to buy when planting time arrives.


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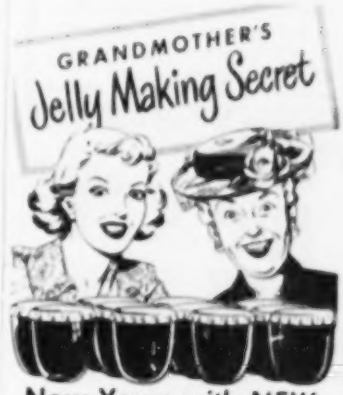


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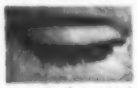

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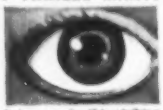

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# Garden Rambles

## with Ben Arthur Davis

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ACCORDING to Mrs. Frank Owens, Jr., orchids are easily grown in Florida. She advises that many species are hardier than most people think, some of them requiring little more attention than the average house plant. Her collection, which she started about ten years ago, now contains more than a hundred plants. Of course, the same species that can be easily grown in Florida can be grown in other sections of what is termed the lower South.

ACCORDING to press reports, the First Lady has been wearing Alabama camellias. A shipment of 250 blooms went from the Tom Dodd nursery at Semmes, to Washington, 50 of them to Mrs. Truman, the others to contributors to the March of Dimes campaign.

IT WAS interesting to note the reaction of various species of plants to the exceptionally warm winter of 1949-50. Camellias, which normally do not bloom until February or early March, were in full bloom in late January. It also gave us a better line on the winter hardiness of several species of plants. Pride of Mobile azaleas, growing in the same bed with the hardy Kurumes and all in full bloom when frost came in February, showed no damage whatever, while every bloom on the Kurumes was killed. Of course, the plants of the *Indicus* (of which Pride of Mobile is one) are much more tender than those of the Kurumes, but the flowers of the Prides will stand much lower temperatures than those of the Kurumes—at least that was our experience last winter.

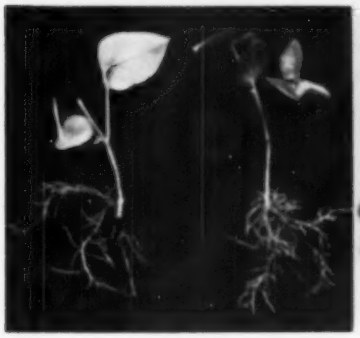
IF WE are sometimes vexed at the high price asked for certain new plant introductions, we should not lose sight of the time, money, energy and scientific know-how necessary to their creation. Under the able direction of Dr. S. K. Emsweller of the Plant Industry Station at Beltsville, Maryland, extensive hybridization of azaleas has been carried on for years. Of some 50,000 seedlings all were discarded except 300, which were selected for further testing; of the 300, ten have been found worthy of being named and propagated. Several years are necessary to bring azalea seedlings to the blooming stage and then the chances (based on the above figures) are 50,000 to 10 against developing a commercially successful new plant. But courageous souls like Dr. Emsweller and his associates feel well rewarded if they get one really worthwhile new plant out of the many thousands of seedlings tested.

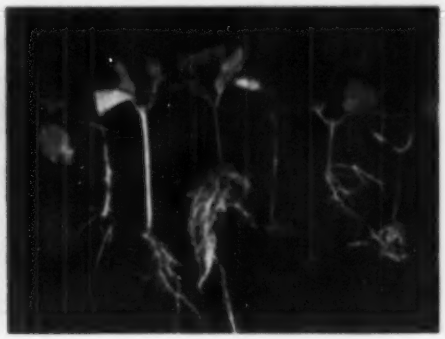
LAST spring, down at Laurel, Mississippi (the "Chemurgic City"), my Good-Woman-Friday, Ben Junior and I saw another good camellia show—this one sponsored by the Laurel Garden Club. Mrs. Murdock McRae, club president, assisted by Mesdames Edgar Enoch, Paul Decker, Sr., and others, put on a highly creditable show. There were lots of very excellent blooms and the arrangements and staging were well planned and pleasingly executed.

The popular philodendrons, widely used for indoor plantings, are among the numerous foliage plants that can be rooted very quickly from summer cuttings.

Leaves of Saintpaulias (African violets), taken with full-length stems, are easily rooted during summer.

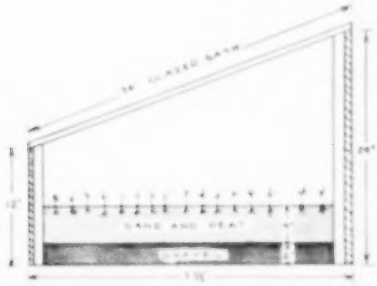
Summer cuttings (left to right) of rose, weigela, philadelphus, spirea, lilac and hydrangea eight weeks after being placed in sand. The use of a rooting chemical would have hastened root growth.





Above—The simplest propagating unit is a flower pot filled with sand or other rooting medium. Insert the cuttings, plunge the pot in soil in a shady spot and cover with an inverted glass jar.

Above—This sketch shows a cutting or rooting frame to be covered by four sashes. Decide on the size of the sash and build the frame to fit.




This smaller cutting frame, shown in cross-section, can be covered by a 2' x 3' sash and constructed of one-inch lumber reinforced by 2" x 4" material at the corners to give it strength.

# Summer is the Time to

# ROOT CUTTINGS

***To increase your plant stock, exercise your green thumb and have a lot of fun, try propagating your own plants from cuttings***

PROPAGATING ornamentals is one of the most interesting phases of garden work, and summer is the best time to do it. Even if you prefer to rely on the skill and efficiency of commercial growers for most of your plants, you can increase your stock and get some valuable experience into the bargain by rooting a few cuttings yourself. There is undeniable satisfaction in producing a plant with your own hands, especially if it is a rare or prized species.

Propagation by cuttings is an easy method of reproduction and is extensively used in the multiplication of many ornamental shrubs, foliage plants, house plants and some perennials and trees. This method gives you assurance that the new plant will be similar in all important respects to the mother plant—that it will "come true."

Commercially, many evergreens—especially azaleas and camellias—are handled as greenwood, or summer, cuttings. Among the deciduous ornamentals that can be readily rooted in summer are crape myrtle, deutzia, forsythia, honeysuckle, hydrangea, philadelphus, spirea, roses, snowberry and weigela. Of the evergreens adapted to summer propagation, there are arborvitaes, boxwood, gardenias, hollies, retinospora, photinia and the several ligustrums, in addition to azaleas and camellias.

Greenwood, or summer, cuttings are usually taken in early summer after the new growth has somewhat matured, but they can be taken as late as early fall in regions that have a long growing season. Late May through June and early July is considered the best time for most species. Soft, tender wood does not root well and should not be taken.

Take three or four inches of the current season's growth from the tips of the twigs, making the lower-end cut through

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## Rooting Cuttings

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or just under a leaf bud. Remove leaves except about three at the top. As you take the cuttings, drop them into a pan of water to keep them from wilting and place them in the rooting bed as soon as possible.

As a rooting medium, use clean, coarse sand or a mixture of two parts sand and one part peat. Vermiculite used alone, or in varying mixtures with sand or peat is being extensively tested and is proving quite satisfactory.

If you are going to take only a few cuttings, fill a flower pot with the selected rooting medium and wet it down. Insert the cuttings and plunge the pot into the soil to its rim in a shady spot. Then cover the cuttings with a wide-mouthed jar. Or dig a hole, some six to eight inches in diameter and one foot deep, in a shady spot and fill it with the rooting medium. Place the cuttings in it and cover with a glass jar, just as you would when using a flower pot.

If you are handling a considerable number of cuttings, it is best to use a frame. A small frame, 24 x 36 inches, made of one-inch boards which can be covered with a small sash, will hold 200 to 300 cuttings. The frame should be about 24 inches high at the back and 12 inches at the front, with sloping sides. The sash cover should fit snugly so as to hold moisture and maintain a high degree of humidity. Place about two inches of gravel, crushed stone or cinders in the bottom of the frame for drainage; and on this, place some four inches of the rooting medium. Lightly wet down before the cuttings are inserted.

If more rooting space is needed, build the frames in multiples of the width of the sash used. If you are using sash 24 inches wide, for example, make the length of the bed a multiple of two feet, and whatever width is necessary to accommodate the length of the particular sash used. Some gardeners build their frames 3 x 6 feet, to be covered by a standard hotbed sash. Several imitation glass materials, light in weight and easily handled, are now available at hardware stores. They can be tacked right on to the frame, prove quite satisfactory and will last several years if properly cared for.

You can use small flats, about the size of the lower half of an apple box, in the frame to hold the rooting medium instead of placing it directly in the bottom of the frame. These flats facilitate handling and are an

aid in keeping the varieties and species separated. If you use them, make openings at the bottom and raise the flats a half inch or more from the surface in order to insure drainage. A piece of burlap placed in the bottom of the flat will prevent loss of the rooting medium through the drainage openings. It is unnecessary to place gravel or crushed stone in the bottom of the flats; ample drainage will be provided through the openings left for that purpose.

Most species of cuttings can be spaced about one and a half inches each way, and inserted in the rooting medium to a depth of about one and a half inches. After you have placed the cuttings, firm the rooting medium around them and lightly wet it down.

Rooting chemicals aid materially in the formation of roots of most species of plants, and are generally recommended. Since these chemicals are of varying strengths, be sure to follow carefully the directions given on the container.

Put the rooting frame in full sun and keep it tightly closed for the first two weeks. Give the cuttings a light sprinkling twice a day during this period. At the end of the two weeks, raise the frame an inch or so to provide circulation and prevent mold and mildew, and reduce the sprinklings to one a day. Make a daily check of the rooting medium, and supply enough water to keep it moist, but not soggy.

Shade the glass to keep the cuttings from sunburning. You can do this with whitewash, but the simplest and most practical method is to tack a piece of white muslin over the under side of the sash. Shading is essential and must be provided before the cuttings are placed in the frame; without the shading, the midday sun would kill the cuttings in an hour's time.

Many summer cuttings will root in from six to twelve weeks if the operation is properly handled, but the time varies with the different species. When they are well rooted, carefully lift them and transfer them to a growing bed. Keep them well watered and shaded until they become firmly established.

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# Heavenly Hibiscus

ALL THOSE who have been fortunate enough to visit Hawaii have been impressed with the exotic hibiscus, that flamboyantly colorful shrub-tree which is the "state" flower of the islands.

The hibiscus is a large, widely scattered family, which includes many aristocrats of the tropics who would hardly care to associate with their common kin of the Southern swamplands. Horticulturally, there are four general groups of these plants: the annuals, which are grown from seed each year; the perennials, grown throughout the country and commonly called "mallows" and "mallow marvels"; the hardy shrubs which include the common altheas; and the tender shrubs which, in the tropics, may attain small-tree size. It is this tender group, *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis*, with its exotic flowers, with which we will deal in this article.

For many years only collected species were handled commercially and these were mainly single types. But the plants made such a strong appeal to flower lovers everywhere that plant scientists became interested, and now hibiscus in varying degrees of "doubleness," including many semi-doubles and double forms, are to be had in named varieties.

Authorities tell us that original blooms of all the known species were rose-red, but new types have been introduced and crosses made until now we find them in varying shades of red, pink, orange, yellow and magenta, as well as some varicolored forms. There is also considerable variation in the character and size of the flowers, which run from rather small to five to six inches across.

The large, lance-shaped leaves are bright, glossy green, and give the shrubs an appearance of exceptional life and vitality, even when they are quite small. This hibiscus is a con-

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In double form the huge flowers resemble those of the double peonies. Like the other tender forms, they cannot endure temperatures much below freezing, but are otherwise easy to grow.

# GARDEN SUGGESTIONS

## FOR THE SOUTHEAST

JUNE is one of the most important months for killing weeds in the Southeast. Because of the heat and moisture, weeds grow beyond all reason; unless you keep them pulled out, they will overrun the flower beds and set seeds that will bring on countless second generation weeds within a few months. Right after a rain is a good time to pull them out without injuring the flowers. If no rains come, soak the beds thoroughly with the garden hose and then lift out the weeds.

Many garden flowers are greatly damaged—and sometimes killed outright—because they are shaded by weeds. Members of the daisy family, for example, die out quickly when badly shaded during hot, rainy weather. Bearded irises, too, will suffer from being shaded.

IN THE vegetable garden, harvest all crops that have finished for the year and replant immediately. There is time to grow another crop of nearly all the leafy vegetables, beans, peas, corn, tomatoes, cucumbers and melons. It is not too late to put out plants of peppers, eggplants and sweet potatoes. Summer-planted seeds should be planted a little deeper than those planted in the spring; and unless drainage is poor, level cultivation is usually better than planting in ridges.

JUST as soon as the flowers in the hardy annual beds have faded, clean them out for another crop. Corn flowers, poppies, eschscholtzia, larkspur, gaillardias and phlox have nearly spent themselves by now. Clean out the beds thoroughly, work and enrich the soil, and sow summer annuals—there are many from which to choose. With the soil and air both warm, the plants will grow like all outdoors and will give you a mass of flowers in a few short weeks.

JUNE is about the only month that lycoris is thoroughly dormant, and this is the best time to handle the plants. The foliage should be dead now, but it will be but a few weeks before the roots begin growing again to send up new flower stalks in August and September. Plant lycoris bulbs very shallow, with the neck above the soil line. Deep planting is probably the reason that many of these bulbs do not bloom well.

## FOR THE SOUTHWEST

IF CRAPE myrtles stop blooming, stir a dressing of superphosphate into the soil around them. Also, make a deep dressing of old hay and barnyard fertilizer mixed with old leaves; use the mixture in a slightly scooped-out depression that will hold the food against the roots.

AFTER washing rains, roots often die from exposure to sun and drying winds. A good solution to the problem is to cement an upright stone line against the lowest level of the bed and then grade the bed to a level with the line. The food and moisture that the plants need will then collect behind the wall.

BE cautious about using sulphur under foliage during the summer. When the damp fumes rise from the soil, they may burn the foliage. It is safer to mix sulphur into the soil in the fall before planting, and then let it stand awhile before setting in dormant plants.

WHENEVER possible, use non-poisonous sprays for insect control. Rotenone, for example, is not harmful to bees or birds; pyrethrum kills lice without harm to friendly wild life. A solution of 6 ounces pyrethrum extract and 6 teaspoonfuls oil of sassafras in 10 gallons of water makes an effective plant spray.

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SPRING perennials that have finished blooming should be fed now. Many gardeners starve their lily-of-the-valley beds and then wonder why the plants refuse to bloom. A scattering of bone meal over the plants will help. Be sure the soil is not washed away from the plants. If it is, top-dress with an inch of very rich loam.

NOTICE when the leaves of spring bulbs turn yellow; and as soon as they dry up, dig the clumps of bulbs and set them in a dry, shady spot out of the way of operations. Leave the soil on the clumps, and fill the holes with good soil. You will find the bulbs too tightly joined to divide easily; but in a few weeks after the bulbs—as well as the soil—have thoroughly dried out, they will be much easier to separate.

IN MAKING up soils that include peat moss, be sure to soak the peat several days before you mix it. Or if you use it in dry condition as it comes out of the bale, dehydrate the soil with which it is mixed. For baling purposes, it has been dried out to a marked degree, and it will suck out all the moisture from anything it touches. This fact causes many a gardening problem. Plants potted in soil and dry peat are usually dead in short order unless the pots are immersed in water and left there for some time.

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*To her mountain home and kindred.*
*Secretly she bore a tendril*
*Of the vine that at Spring's dawning*
*All her life had gleamed with roses*
*As it climbed her father's cabin.*

*In the lowlands, near the marshes,*
*Lovingly she placed the tendril,*
*Watered it with tears of longing,*
*Nurtured it with whispered pleading;*
*And the vine with kind obedience*
*Put forth roots and grew and flourished;*
*Thus came solace to the maiden*
*In the land where she was a stranger.*

—Dorothy Lehman Sumerau

This is the second in a series of poems by Mrs. Sumerau on our Southern state flowers.

# The Frightened Birds

By FRANK MARTIN WEBBER

PETER PAINTER stood under a tree near a corn field. Above him in the tree, bird voices chattered excitedly. One of the bird voices was clear and strong. The other bird voices were weak and timid.

Peter Painter straightened his paint-pot-tray, which swung from his shoulder by a stout leather shoe-string. Then he climbed the tree.

He climbed until he was near a bird nest. On the edge of the nest sat a Mother Bird. She was angry. Her tail stuck out stiffly. Her wings were stretched out and every feather was quivering. She was scolding.

The Mother Bird was scolding her five children, who were huddled close together in the nest.

"Dear me," said Peter Painter to himself, "no mother should scold her children so angrily." "Why," he said to the Mother Bird, "are you so cross with your children?"

The Mother Bird fastened her little black eyes on Peter Painter. "My children are fraidy-cats. They hide in the nest, though they are big enough to get out and fly."

Peter Painter looked into the nest at the five small birds. "Why don't you fly around and have some fun?" he asked.

One small bird chirped, "We're afraid of it."

Another small bird peeped, "It's ugly."

The other little birds covered their eyes with their wings and shivered their feathers.

"What," Peter Painter asked the Mother Bird, "do they mean by it?"

"I do not know," she answered. "They went out for just one fly, and came back saying they were scared of it."

Peter Painter leaned over the nest. "What are you afraid of?" he asked.

"We don't know the name of it," one small bird answered.

"Do you know where it is?" Peter Painter asked him.

"In the corn field."

"Will you take me to see it?"

The five small birds put their heads together. They cheeped softly for a minute. Then one looked at

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Peter Painter waited as the five small birds flew near enough to see the Scarecrow's smiling face.


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## Heavenly Hibiscus

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tinuous bloomer and even the small plants produce large, showy flowers.

Although the plants are tender, they may be grown outdoors in the warmer areas. In Houston, Baton Rouge, along the Gulf Coast and in Florida, it is not unusual to find beds of them in full bloom all through the mild winters. Where there is danger of frost the plants are usually grown in pots and sunk outdoors in the shrub borders for the summer. When cold threatens in the fall or early winter, the pots can be lifted and brought indoors, where they will continue blooming if conditions are favorable.

Except for being tender, these hibiscus are of the easiest culture. Most good potting soils will satisfy them, but the ideal mixture is two parts garden loam and one part each of well rotted cow manure, sand, and peat moss or leaf mold. They do require considerable moisture to keep them growing and blooming continuously.

A semi-shady location, or even full shade if the light is good, will please them.

*Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* is easy to propagate, and from a single plant you can increase your stock many fold the first year. Summer cuttings of green wood, handled as you would any other green cuttings (under glass jars or in a glass-covered cutting bed) will root in a few weeks; or hard cuttings can be taken in November or early December and handled as any other broad-leaved evergreen cuttings. When the cuttings are well rooted, transfer them to small pots and keep in a shady, but well lighted location.

Some of the popular named varieties include: Red Monarch, one of the largest-flowered and richest colored of the double forms, a continuous bloomer that produces flowers of a dark crimson shade; Stoplight, a late Hawaiian introduction destined to stop you in your tracks with its huge, brilliant cerise-red blossoms; Sunshine, which has single flowers of golden yellow with deep pink throats; Arnottianus, a huge, delightfully fragrant pure white with long, showy red stamens; Bronzino, a single flowered orange-bronze, sometimes six inches across; Double Yellow, which has large many-petaled flowers of a deep, clear yellow; Crown of Bohemia, a spectacular double form with enormous many-petaled, bronzy-orange flowers with tints of cerise, apricot and amber; Kona, a fully double form with daintily frilled petals of rosy pink and golden anthers dotting the center of the bloom; Agnes Galt, a coral-pink which is a favorite in California, where it seems to outbloom all others; Brilliante, an immense single scarlet, which blooms profusely and is said to be about the hardiest of the species.

## Peter Painter

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Peter Painter. "If we can stay close to you, we will take you to it."

"You can sit on my paint-pot-tray," said Peter Painter. "Hop on, and let's get going."

The five small birds hopped onto Peter Painter's paint-pot-tray. The Mother Bird fluffed their feathers so they would look nice for their journey. "I'm not coming with you," she told them. "I must forage for your dinner." Then she said to Peter Painter, "Take good care of them."

"I will," promised Peter Painter as he jumped down out of the tree. "If we're not back when you have dinner ready, you can find us in the corn field."

He went skipping toward the corn field. The five small birds held tight with their claws to the edge of the paint-pot-tray, and made happy noises like birds laughing. But when they came to the corn field, they stopped laughing.

"There it is," cried one bird, and the other four hid their heads under their wings.

But Peter Painter looked, and he didn't blame the birds for being afraid.

A Scarecrow stood in the middle of the corn field. It had a big head with an old hat pulled down over it. Its arms stuck out straight from its sides with old gloves tied to the ends of them, and the gloves were flapping. It had on an old dress with patches on it, and a rope was tied like a belt around its middle.

"It is ugly," Peter Painter said to the birds, "but it can't hurt you. It's only a Scarecrow."

"What's a Scarecrow?" they asked.

"Nothing but a dummy. Farmers make them out of sticks and old clothes."

"What is it for?" asked one bird.

"It's to scare you," explained Peter Painter, "and to scare rabbits and squirrels. It's to keep away everything that could eat the farmer's corn while it is growing."

"We don't eat the farmer's corn," said another bird. "Our Mother finds us our food and feeds it to us."

"She is a good mother," said Peter Painter. "You must be brave like she wants you to. Now fly over to

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## Peter Painter

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the Scarecrow, and you will see that it will not hurt you."

The five small birds took their courage in their claws and fluffed their feathers. They flew off the edge of Peter Painter's paint-pot-tray, and headed for the Scarecrow.

Just then the wind began blowing. The gloves at the ends of the Scarecrow's sleeves began waving. The fingers began wiggling. The brim of the Scarecrow's hat lifted, and flapped with a noise like clapping.

The five small birds were gone so fast that Peter Painter didn't even see them flying. They hid in the leaves of a tree on the edge of the corn field.

Peter Painter burst out laughing. "Those five young birds can't go all through their lives being afraid of a thing that cannot possibly hurt them." He picked up a paint brush, and went toward the Scarecrow. "I shall have to do something about it."

He climbed up the Scarecrow's skirt, and stood with his toes on the rope that was tied like a belt around its middle. Then he began painting. He painted the hat as blue as the sky above it. He painted the face with a big smile that turned up at the corners. He painted the eyes with a laughing look in them. He painted one glove as red as a Christmas ribbon, and the other glove as yellow as the sun that was shining on it. Then, before he jumped to the ground, he stuck the handle of his paint brush through the front of the blue hat so it held the brim back and showed the friendly face he had painted under it.

Just then the five small birds flew timidly out of the tree. They circled around the corn field to keep away from the Scarecrow standing in the middle of it.

Peter Painter waited.

One bird flew to the red glove and perched on it. Another bird flew to the yellow glove and perched on it. A third sat on shoulder. A fourth sat on the other shoulder. The fifth bird lighted on top of the blue hat. The five small birds began singing.

"You see," laughed Peter Painter, "things we fear can make us happy when we stop being afraid of them."

Out across the field the Mother Bird heard her five bird-children singing. She came flying to find them. In her beak she carried five worms for their dinner.

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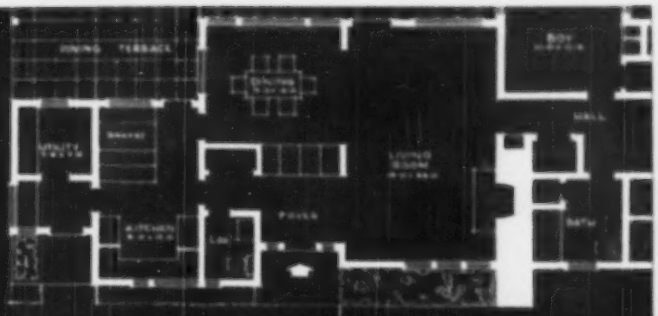


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